

THE ROLLER RIFLES in their spring uniforms. This photo appeared on a post card which was sold in the AMA PX in the 1950's. The Rifles will be decommissioned at the reunion.

Famed parachutist will "drop in" at reunion

Dana Bowman, retired member of the Golden Knights, the Army's elite parachute team, will drop into Reunion 2010 on Saturday 16 April. Bowman lost both legs in a training accident but continues to show the world that a person with a disability can excel in today's society. He has appeared on numerous national television shows and has had articles written about him in many popular magazines. He spends a lot of his personal time working with other amputees and we thank him for making time for us.



Bowman



The American Fallen Soldier Project will be featured at the Saturday luncheon during the reunion. This project honors the families of U. S. servicemen who have given their lives for their country. Sponsored by **American Airlines**, artist **Phil Taylor** will be presenting an original portrait of **Sergeant Jason Arnette** of Amelia, VA to this brave man's family. We thank **Tom DeValle, '73**, for making this presentation possible. You will want to be there to pay homage to this hero who died for us.

Register by 1 April and save! Register for Reunion 2011 and you will save! See the blue registration form inside. Be sure we have your registration in hand by Friday 1 April. Don't be an April Fool and let this deadline pass! Be sure that you sign up for the Friday trip to The Homestead. This is NOT a part of the overall registration packet! Send in your registration form now and prepare to see old and new friends in April!



**Sports Hall of Fame
to induct four
at Reunion 2011**

**What you might
not know about
Doug Carter, '72**

**Forgotten AMA heroes
from the
First World War**

Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.



Winter 2011

Dear Friends,

This will be the very last edition of the *Bayonet* before Reunion 2011, scheduled for April 14-17. This reunion is poised to be one of our very best and most memorable reunions in years.

Reunion 2011 will include the awarding of our Legacy Scholarships, AMA medals, Founders Day Ceremony, enshrinement of new members to the AMA Sports Hall of Fame, Casino Night Extravaganza and fellowship opportunities; in addition, we'll have some very unique and special events this year.

We, the surviving alumni of Augusta Military Academy and in memory of our cadet brothers who gave their life in the service of our nation, will witness and participate in a salute as we honor a fallen soldier from the state of Virginia and his family. Saturday afternoon in the Memorial Gymnasium, Mr. Phil Taylor, Artist and founder of The American Fallen Soldier Project (<http://www.americanfallensoldiers.com/>) will make a portrait presentation to the family of Army SSGT Jason R. Arnette, KIA April 1, 2007, Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(<http://www.americanfallensoldiers.com/calendar/15/45-April-16-2011-Portrait-Presentation-of-Army-SSG-Jason-Arnette.html>)

Having just returned from a visit to the National Headquarters of the AFSP in Dallas, and having the opportunity to personally meet with Phil and Lisa Taylor, I can tell you that we are most privileged to have been selected as the venue for this presentation. We expect National, State, and local media coverage of this event. After the presentation Retired Sgt First Class Dana Bowman, (<http://www.danabowman.com/dana-biography.php>) a former member of the Army's Special Forces and the heralded Golden Knights precision parachute team, a double amputee, will make a special parachute jump onto our front field in honor of SSGT Arnette, and our own fallen brothers. This will immediately be followed by an event of historical significance to AMA; the very last performance and the official decommissioning of the Charles S. Roller III Rifles.

This will indeed be a Reunion, which you will not want to miss, so grab the blue registration form that is included in this edition of the *Bayonet*, fill it in and send it with your payment NOW! Remember that each full paid registration includes a commemorative shirt. As we do expect a large number of registrants we remind you to make your Hotel Reservations as soon as possible!

I look forward to seeing you in the Valley 14-17 April!

Sincerely,

Jorge P. Roviroso, '70
Miami, Florida

President, AMA Alumni Association



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Please provide us with your 9-digit ZIP code!

The *Bayonet* welcomes information and articles for or about AMA alumni. Share the news of promotions, awards, retirement, births, marriages, deaths, etc. Please print

or type your submission. Digital photos should be in at least 300 dpi resolution and, if possible, in TIF format. Clear and correctly exposed glossy prints are also welcomed.

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1935

(JULIAN QUARLES)

Julian Quarles spent the Holidays with his daughter and family in Tulsa, OK. This amazing man just celebrated his 94th birthday. Many, many happy returns, Julian! (See photo on page 18) [JMQJR@aol.com]

1947

(MIKE WELCH)

Colonel Sam Conley celebrated his 80th birthday this past October. *"I walk a mile and a half every morning with Sam, my dog, rain or shine,"* he says. The Conleys live in Sierra Vista, AZ. [sam.conley@cox.net]

Harry May was the first commander of the Roller Rifles. He and Jane are planning to attend the reunion to take part in the decommissioning of our fantastic drill team. We look forward to seeing them in Fort Defiance!

1948

(ERNEST CLICK)

Bob Abrams has written from the State of Washington to give us his new e-mail address. Bob is a noted artist who once worked for Walt Disney. [r.abrams13@frontier.com]

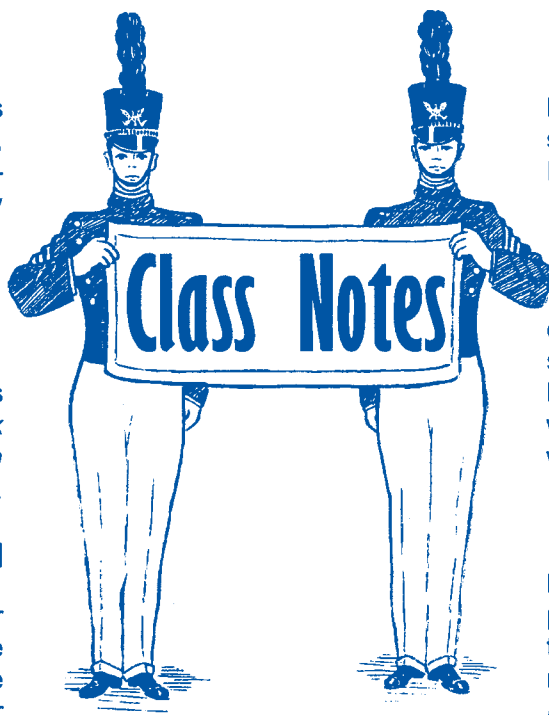
Hal Walters led the Roller Rifles in its second year of existence. We are hoping that he and Nancy will be back for the reunion in April.

1949

(FRANK SPENCER)

Ambassador John Shirley underwent what the doctors called "major back surgery" and it will be several more months before he will know if the surgery was completely successful. We are all hoping that all will be well and soon so that we will see Jock at the reunion.

Chuck Pine writes that he and his granddaughter, Brittany, winner of an AMA Legacy Scholarship in 2010, plan to be at Reunion 2011 to thank our alumni for her award. Chuck lives in Winchester. (See *"Letters to the Editor,"* page 24)



This is the very first place AMA Alumni look when *The Bayonet* arrives

Your fellow alumni want to hear about YOU, so Class Notes is the first place they look. Here are a few suggestions which we hope you will act on.

SEND us material about yourself – marriages, jobs, travel, births, deaths, retirement and so forth. Don't be concerned if you don't see your news published right away. *The Bayonet* comes out three times a year and if your story misses one issue, it likely will be in the next one. Be sure to send us news about your classmates and AMA friends.

PHOTOS are always welcome but please understand that just because a digital picture looks good on a computer screen, it will not necessarily look good in print. If you send an actual photograph, it should be printed on GLOSSY paper. If you want the picture returned to you, please put your name and address on the back. DIGITAL PHOTOS in jpeg should be AT LEAST 300 dpi. If you can send a photo in tiff format, that will be even better!

MAIL your story and photos to: *The Bayonet*, 1687 Schillers Court, Folsom, CA 95630.

E-MAIL a story and any digital photos to: AMABayonet@aol.com
FAX a story to 916/817-8596

1950

(TOMMY CLEMENTS)

Ben Angle has been recovering after spinal surgery at the Duke University Hospital. After ten days in the hospital, Chris was ready to take Ben home when they discovered that a piece had broken off of a catheter which had been inserted in his spinal column. That required emergency surgery and four more days in the hospital. We hope and pray that he will continue to do well and that we will see Ben and Chris at the reunion.

1953

(LEW MUNDIN)

Lew Mundin "officially" retired this past June leaving his part time job at the Westminster/Canterbury Retirement facility. *"I loved all the residents but it became too physical for me,"* he says. He does still volunteer at St. Stephen's Church and at the Peter-Paul Development Center near the projects in Richmond. Lew is one of *The Bayonet's* most faithful correspondents. [lmundin@aol.com]

Al Wattay gave us the best New Year's gift possible: the doctors can find no cancer in his body! A year ago before many medical treatments and the prayerful intervention of Al's many friends, an inoperable malignancy cast a pall over him and his family, but while he will be under medical observation for the rest of his life, for now there is great joy on Hilton Head Island. [dialwat@aol.com]

Arthur Rodgers, III retired five years ago in Williamsburg. Two of their three daughters live in the Williamsburg area and their youngest is living in Tacoma, WA. The Rodgers have seven grandchildren ranging in age from nine to 24.

[rodgersbmr@verizon.net]

1954

(KEN HOKE)

Bob Harris has been working for his oldest grandson, Jimmy, at Falwell Airport in Lynchburg doing billing and computer input. Kathy has continued

with bouts of pneumonia and we all pray that 2011 will be a year of better health for her. [bhariii@aol.com]

Manley Caldwell is the principal in a Palm Beach law firm and has been married to his second wife for 22 years. [caldwell@caldwellpacetti.com]

1957

(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)

Stuart Matthews lives in Mechanicsville, VA where he continues to build race engines. It was he who gave us the sad news of **Pete Dogoli's** death.

Elliott Ridge and Hope are doing well in Hillsville and are hoping to make it back for the reunion in April. We would love to see you both!

1959

(DAVE CONRAD)

Keene Byrd is now the Historian at The Homestead in Hot Springs, the Friday destination of the luxury motor coach tour during Reunion 2011. He has been Executive Director of the Bath County Historical Society and is helping to set up computer voting in the county. *"I also have returned to my first love: the stage, thanks to my drama teacher at AMA, Mrs. Ralph. Had roles in 'A Wonderful Life,' 'Faith County' and 'This is America.'"* [akeeneb@tds.net]

1961

(JACK STEELE)

Ed Burton went into the Army after AMA and was scheduled to go to Vietnam. He was injured in a training accident and did not deploy. However, his mother received word that he was missing in action and by the time the story made its way to Fort Defiance, it was reported that Ed had been killed in action. Says Ed: *"I came back for a reunion and Colonel Savedge rushed up to me to say, 'We thought you were dead.' But I wasn't."*

[jburton1@hughes.net]

Jim Crawford coached 7th grade foot-

ball this past fall and his team won the championship. Golf is Jim's favorite pastime particularly when he can play with his grandson, Jack.

Walter Quatmann has written from Freiburg, Germany saying that he and his wife will be coming back to Reunion 2011 *"and we look forward to seeing some men who attended 1957-61 when I was there."*

[walter.quatmann@mac.com]

1967

(MAC MCINNIS)

Mac McInnis and Mary Kay are settling in to their new digs in Kona on the Big Island in Hawaii.

[macmcinnis1214@gmail.com]



RANDY MANEY, '62, and his wife, Patsy, during a visit to the AMA Museum. The Maneys live in Newport News.

Rick Smail no longer flies B-777s for Air India since it was *"no longer worth having to be away from home for such long periods between flights."* He says he has some *"irons in the fire"* and certainly has not piloted a plane for the last time.

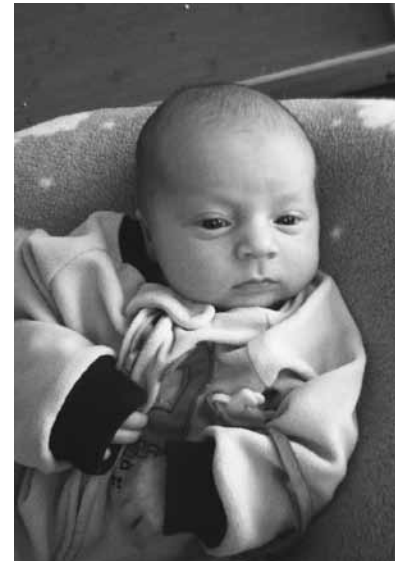
[ricksmail@earthlink.net]

1968

(GORDON METZ)

Howard Rosenthal and Ruth had a nice December trip to Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles. A week after they got home, Howard started to have aches everywhere in his body and a high fever. Thus, he ended up

being hospitalized for a day or so but is now back home and feeling much stronger.



HEY, JUDE! This is the brand new grandson of Bruce Orenstein, '69, and he says he loves being a grandpa!

[borenstein@artergoblelee.com]

1969

(NICKY SYROPOULOS)

Harvey Bowers sends good news from Wasilla, Alaska: his cancer doctor in Texas has given him a clean bill of health! Says Harvey, *"Not bad for someone who was supposed to be dead in 2007!"* Harvey and Sandy went to Iceland on vacation before the volcano closed the

airports. Just in time, they got out and ended up in Paris spending several weeks touring Europe.

[harvey@agateinn.com]

1970

(HARRY CAMPBELL AND BILL PARKINS)

B. J. d'Orsay has renewed his pledge to donate \$83 a month to the AMA Alumni Foundation. *"This adds up to nearly \$1,000 a year and I don't even miss the \$83 a month. It has turned out to be like a payroll deduction,"* he says. Thanks for all you do, B.J. and you have come up with a great idea!

[webmaster@amaalumni.org]

Bruce Reynhoudt and **Esthi** are justly proud of their hand-some son, Sean, who takes kite boarding to a new high. With a disability that would ground many, Sean has become a world famous competitor as he and his crew push the limits of kite boarding. You can see some of his amazing exploits at: www.facebook.com/pages/CatchiAir/146517475396873.

[swissmiss25@aol.com]

Bill Parkins started back on chemo at year's end after having been off the treatments for 15 months but says that he is feeling good and knows that "God has His plan for me."

1971

(GARRY GRANGER)

Phil Myers, our bugler at so many AMA reunions, has had a difficult time due to spinal cord compression. He has had to use a walker and sometimes, a wheel chair. He had back surgery in December and we hope and pray that all will be well. He and Maeve spent the Christmas week at their cabin in West Virginia "where he could sleep in his own bed and eat some good home cooked food."

[MMyers8@cox.net]

Scotch Melcher, First Captain his senior year, continues to improve at home after having had a stroke two years ago. **Larry Thiel** reports that he recently spoke with Scotch's wife, Jan, and she said that while he is better in many ways, he is still in a lot of pain. Scotch dearly loves to hear from his AMA friends! Please take a minute NOW to give him a call to let him know that we are all thinking about him. Phone 216/741-3391.

1972

(LEWIE KENNETT)

Doug Pennock says that he went pheasant hunting with **Tom DelValle** and **Garry Granger** in Texas and at the end of the hunt, sat on a porch to have a cigar and a few beers. "To our

surprise, Garry had brought along a bag full of Moon Pies!. I took one bite and nearly puked on the spot. There is no way these things tasted that bad back when we were cadets. Maybe I needed an RC Cola or a Mountain Dew which had been cooled outside my barracks window."

[dpennock2002@yahoo.com]



CHARLES BAKER, '66. his daughter, **Christy**, and her children, **Heyley** and **Zackary**, visited the museum from Jonesborough, TN.

1973

(JIM ATCHISON AND
JOE GARRY)

Dr. Eduardo Prado specialized in prosthodontics at the University of Alabama School of dentistry in the 1980s and was Director of the Department of Prosthodontics in 1985-87. He has an MS from the University of Alabama.

[dentista@ual.edu]

1975

(BRETT
THOMPSON)

Bob Walker reports from Union City, TN that the heart catheterization

he had last year seems to have done its job. He is feeling good and just had a head-to-toe physical which showed that all is well.

[rebelrider56@gmail.com]Brett

Brett Thompson has a new line of work: he is using a soft wash technique to restore the look and health of shingle roofs in the Waynesboro/Augusta County area. Says Brett, "If a roofing company tells you that you need a new shingle roof because of algae staining, call me first and I will tell you if it just needs to be cleaned." Phone 434/466-1324.

[brett@brrcolva.com]

1983

(WAYNE KRESON)

Wayne Kreson has a new e-mail address. He is living in Mendon, MA. [hotspot119@hotmail.com]

Chris Meek also has a new e-mail address. [cmeek15@ec.rr.com]

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Bill and Rosalie Ralph are planning to be at Reunion 2011 where Bill will be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame and where he will have a Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday morning. Bill celebrated his 80th birthday in November. He teaches a men's Bible study breakfast each week in Norfolk and a Bible study lunch in Virginia Beach.

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Tentative schedule, 2011 Augusta Military Academy Reunion

THURSDAY 14 APRIL

10 AM Alumni House/Museum open
PX open at the museum

Noon - 4 PM Early bird registration
Hospitality Room and PX open, Holiday Inn

Noon - 1 PM Casual golf tee times
INGLESIDE Golf Club

3:30 - 5:00 PM
Hospitality Tent open, Holiday Inn

5:00 - 7:00 PM Early arrival cocktails
with heavy hors d'oeuvres
Attire: Business casual
The CLUB AT IRONWOOD
(formerly the STAUNTON Country Club)

7:30 PM Hospitality Tent reopens
Tower of Power opportunities

FRIDAY 15 APRIL

7:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Registration, Holiday Inn

All day Tower of Power

8:30 AM Golfers register, photos
INGLESIDE Country Club

9:00 AM Visit to The Homestead
Hot Springs, VA
Historical tour and luncheon
*Meet in parking lot nearest
the PX at the Holiday Inn*
Hosted by **Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**

9:00 AM AMA Open Golf Tournament
INGLESIDE Country Club

Contact: Paul Poluito, '73,
cpp2q@virginia.edu
or **Mickey Toms, '67**, mmtoms@earthlink.net

9:00 AM - 6:30PM
PX open, Hospitality Tent open
Silent Auction begins, Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Alumni House/Museum open

4:00 PM Homestead tour returns

5:45 PM AMA Reception, Hospitality Tent

6:30 PM Registration room closes.

Last registration will be at 8 AM Saturday!

7:00 PM AMA Awards Banquet
Holiday Inn Ballrooms - *Attire: Coat and tie*
AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals
Presidential Eagle presentation

9:00 PM
PX reopens and Silent Auction continues



SATURDAY 16 APRIL

Attire all day: Casual

7:30 AM Light breakfast served in the
Annual Membership Meeting Room
Jefferson Room, Holiday Inn

8:00 - 8:30 AM
Final registration outside meeting room

8:30 AM Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Alumni House/Museum open

All day Display of military equipment
on the Blacktop by **Jim Kilbourne**

11:00 AM Founder's Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery honoring
AMA KIAs from all wars
Master of Ceremonies: **Luke Snyder, '60**
Former **Army Secretary Jack Marsh**
AMA Alumni Color Guard
AMA Honor Guard

Cummings Battery, Cape Fear Light Artillery
Commanded by **Captain John Butler**

Alumni who have passed on since
Reunion 2010 will be remembered
Stonewall Brigade Band
Taps by **Bud Oakey, '70**

11:35 AM
Induction of 2011 Sports Hall of Fame
Jorge Rovirosa, '70, and
Frank Williamson, '60
in front of AMA Alumni House/Museum

Honoring departed Roller Society members
Master of Ceremonies: **Gordon Metz, '68**

12:15 PM Soupy sounds,
Bud Oakey, '70
Lunch in AMA Gymnasium
Master of Ceremonies:
Jorge Rovirosa, '70
Presentation of the Colors:
AMA Alumni Color Guard

Fallen Soldiers presentation

White Table and Flag Ceremony
Taps: **Bud Oakey, '70**

Music by the Staunton Ovation

*Following lunch, proceed to the Parade
Ground*

Dana Bowman parachutes in

Cannonade by Cumming's Battery,
Cape Fear Light Artillery

Decommissioning of the Roller Rifles

Retreat cemenony

Alumni House/Museum open until 4:30 PM

6:00 PM Open bar, Holiday Inn hallway
All proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation
Final hours for Silent Auction bids!

7:00 PM
CASINO NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY,
a FUNdraiser for the AMA Foundation with
heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:30 PM Silent Auction closes

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

9:00 AM Alumni Fellowship Buffet
Coach Bill Ralph, Cafe on the Green,
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Alumni House/Museum open

12 Noon **Roller Riders**
depart from in front of Big Barracks



The Roller Rifles

will march one last time at Reunion 2011 after which the guidon will be furled and only memories will remain. You will want to be on hand for the emotional ceremonies which will say goodbye to the drill team which brought AMA so much glory when the school was open and which filled our hearts with pride as our alumni performed during the last few years at reunion. Be there on the black top Saturday 16 April!



Cadet Captain Phil Pelland leads the 1951 Roller Rifles at the Apple Blossom Festival.



The American Fallen Soldier Project comes to Reunion 2011.

The project was created to provide comfort and healing to the mourning families of fallen military men and women. With the mission to honor, respect and forever remember those who sacrificed their lives while protecting the freedoms we all enjoy, the project makes available to the families, at no cost, original portraits of their fallen loved ones which fully capture their appearance and personality. With the support of **American Airlines**, artist Phil Taylor is able to present these portraits at special events

across the country. At the Saturday luncheon during Reunion 2011, the presentation of a portrait will be made to the family of a Virginia soldier killed in Iraq. American Airlines is committed to transporting every fallen serviceman's portrait with utmost dignity and respect, thanks to **Tom DelValle, '73**, Senior Vice President of American.



Secretary Marsh speaking at a military funeral, 1985.

Former Army Secretary Jack Marsh will speak at Founder's Day

Ceremonies in the Stone Church Cemetery honoring **Professor Charles S. Roller**, a Confederate veteran, and all of the other AMA affiliated men who have served in the Armed Forces. Marsh was a U. S. Congressman from 1963 until 1971 representing most of the Shenandoah Valley. He was the longest serving Secretary of the Army (1981-1989) in the history of our country and was a Distinguished Professor at the George Mason University School of Law and a Senior Fellow at the George Mason Tech Center. Secretary Marsh co-chaired the commission which looked into the treatment of wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

ALSO AT THE REUNION - Casino Night! The Tower of Power! Golf! A visit to the World Famous Homestead! Induction of new AMA Sports Hall of Famers! Legacy Scholarship Awards! Award of AMA Alumni Medals! Display of military equipment! Tribute to Roller Society members! Cannonade from Cummings Battery, Cape Fear Light Artillery! Fellowship Breakfast! The voices of the Staunton Ovation! The Silent Auction!

AND MOST OF ALL - THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH AMA FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES!





3 for 2

For 2011, three AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth \$2,000, are being offered!

These scholarships will be awarded at Reunion 2011 to direct descendants (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, et al) of AMA alumni.

The recipients must be 25 years of age or younger, enrolled in or about to enroll in an educational institution above the high school level.

Applications can be obtained from the
AMA Alumni House/Museum,
P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.

You may also request an application from:
AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net.

Or you can download a scholarship application
from: www.AMAAlumni.org.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
5 MARCH 2011**

All applicants will be notified whether or not they receive a scholarship. Those who are awarded scholarships are requested to attend the Awards Banquet at Reunion 2011 on Saturday evening 16 April. Applications are considered by an independent judge.

Friday reunion trip to world famous Homestead

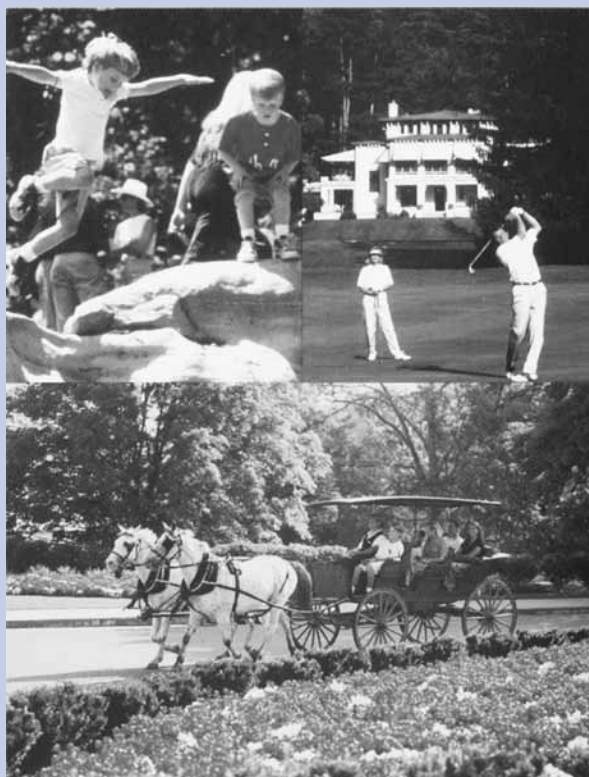
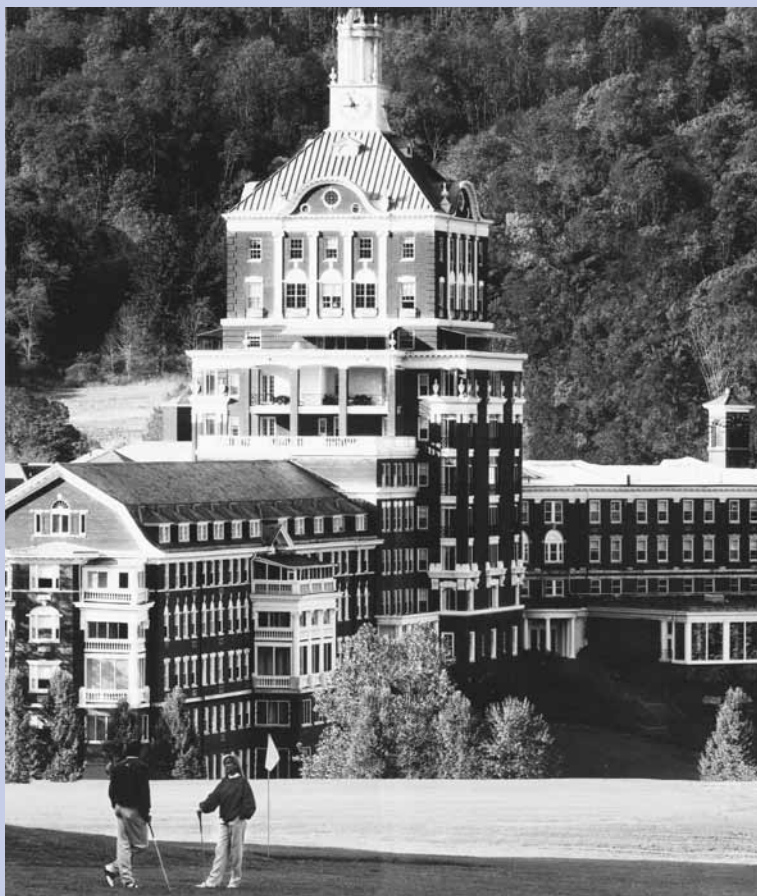
Established in 1766, The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia has hosted American Presidents Jefferson, Wilson and Reagan among others plus the crowned heads of Europe and many famous stars in the entertainment world.

On Friday 15 April during Reunion 2011, a luxury motor coach will take AMA alumni and friends to The Homestead in all of its Springtime beauty. With lunch in the Georgian Room and a guided tour of the 15,000 acre property, this will be a sterling part of the reunion weekend.

Homestead Historian **Keene Byrd, '59**, will share the history of this fantastic place. From Sammy Snead's heroics on the famous Cascades Course to visits by world leaders over the years, this promises to be a fascinating experience. Golfers will want to see "The Old Course" which has the oldest first tee in continuous use in the United States, dating back to 1892.

The Homestead recently underwent a multi-million dollar renovation, retaining its storied charm while boasting the most modern facilities.

Be sure to sign up on the enclosed blue form for The Homestead trip! This is not included in your reunion package.



Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, will be your hostess and host on this visit to America's premier mountain resort.

When you look back on the 2011 AMA Reunion weekend, this Friday event will ever be in the front of your mind. Sign up on the enclosed blue form.



THE AMA ALUMNI MEDAL



Time to send in your nominations for the 2011 AMA Alumni Medal! The medal or medals will be awarded at Reunion 2011 to someone who has done something very special for AMA, either with one "big" effort or a series of smaller acts.

Recipients need not be AMA alumni and they may have received a medal in the past. Who will you nominate for this

highest of AMA honors? Submit your nomination to:

AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net, or by mail to:

AMA Medal, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance 24437.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED

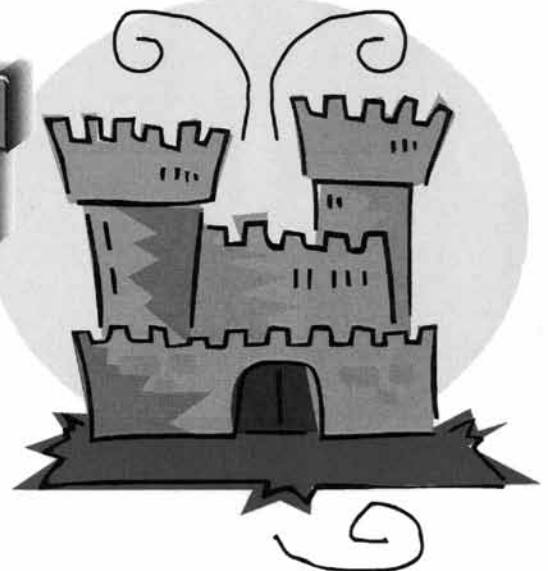
BY FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2011

The Tower of Power

You will be able to win bottles of Virginia Gentleman on both Friday and Saturday during Reunion 2011! Tickets will be on sale at the Registration Desk and at other venues at the reunion. Prize drawings will take place Friday and Saturday evenings.

Be on the lookout for ticket salespersons.

They will be on the lookout for you!



The entire purpose of Frank and Bev Williamson's TOWER OF POWER is to raise much needed funds for AMA. Be sure to buy your tickets and lots of them!

THE
**AMERICAN
FALLEN
SOLDIERS**
PROJECT

PORTRAITS OF PATRIOTISM



On Saturday 16 April at the Reunion 2011 luncheon, the family of a Virginia man will receive a special tribute to their hero who was killed in action in Iraq. Sponsored by **American Airlines**, the family will receive an exquisitely framed portrait of their fallen loved one which will capture his appearance and his personality. Artist **Phil Taylor** is working even now to provide as much love, comfort and encouragement as possible to this grieving Gold Star family.

Phil labors tirelessly to restore a sense of life and presence of our fallen heroes on canvas. It is a program which has garnered the profound gratitude of the families which have received this unique thank you.

Army Sergeant Jason Arnette of Amelia, Virginia was killed in action on 1 April 2007 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His mother, Michelle Arnette, will receive his portrait at the Saturday luncheon during our Reunion 2011, three years after Jason was killed.



Sergeant Jason Arnette

The American Fallen Soldiers Project, Portraits of Patriotism, is sponsored by American Airlines which has arranged for the presentation to be made at our reunion. We appreciate so much the active involvement of **Tom DelValle, '73**, in the Fallen Soldiers Project and his efforts to have this presentation made on our campus.

This will be an emotional experience for all and an opportunity to personally thank the family of a man who gave his life for his country.

**5th BIG
YEAR**

**CASINO
NIGHT**

AND COCKTAIL PARTY

with heavy hors d'oeuvres and
U. S. GREENBACKS as prizes
**ROULETTE! TEXAS HOLD`EM!
BLACK JACK! CRAPS!**



A grand time has been had by all at the last four reunions at Casino Night. You can win some big bucks for yourself while helping AMA at the same time. It is a FUNdraising event with the accent on FUN!

**SINK A PUTT AND WIN
\$10,000***

* \$5,000 FOR YOU AND \$5,000 FOR AMA!

**You will NOT
be playing
against
the house!**

**SATURDAY
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Heroic Dana Bowman will parachute into reunion

A former Special Forces Soldier who lost both legs in an Army Parachute Team accident will "drop in" on the AMA reunion, parachuting onto the Parade Ground when the Roller Rifles decommissioning will be taking place, weather permitting.

Dana Bowman has astounded the world with his drive, determination and will to succeed. He is a retired Army Sergeant First Class, a Special Forces soldier and a member of the U. S. Army elite parachute team, the Golden Knights.

Bowman is a double amputee who lost his legs during Golden Knights training in Yuma, AZ in 1994. He and teammate Sergeant Jose Aquillon collided in midair during the team's annual training. Bowman and Aquillon were practicing a maneuver known as the Diamond Track. The maneuver calls for the jumpers to streak away from each other for about a mile, then turn 180 degrees to fly back toward each other crisscrossing in the sky. Bowman and Aquillon had demonstrated the Diamond Track more than 50 times without mishap.

But this time, instead of crisscrossing, the skydivers slammed into each other at a combined speed of more than 300 miles per hour. Aquillon was killed and Bowman's legs were severed. Bowman's chute opened on impact and he was rushed to a hospital in Phoenix where doctors stopped the bleeding and dressed his severe wounds.

Nine months later, he turned the tragedy into triumph when he became the first double amputee to re-enlist in the United States Army and then to re-enlist in Airborne, skydiving with his commander into the ceremony, making his dream a reality. This achievement is just one example of Bowman's many successes under adverse circumstances. After he rejoined the Army, he became the U. S. Parachute



Team's lead speaker and recruiting commander.

Dana strives to show people who have disabilities that they can still excel in society and in the military. He has given more than 400 speeches in the last few years and has been featured in *Sports Illustrated*, *People's Magazine*, *Reader's Digest* and other publications. He also has appeared on *Dateline*, *A Current Affair*, *Extra*, *NBC* and *Good Morning America*. His speeches have touched so many people with disabilities giving them the spirit and drive needed for their full participation in their lives.

He retired from the Army in 1996 and earned a BS in commercial aviation at the University of North Dakota in 2000. He hopes to fly helicopters in the future.

What an honor for AMA to have this brave man make this extra effort to appear at our reunion! We want to give him a warm AMA welcome and let him know how excited we are to have him on our campus.

Pray for good weather and plan to be there on Saturday 16 April just after lunch to welcome Dana to AMA.

Roller Riders planning post reunion trip to Outer Banks

Rick Smail, '67, and a core group of the Roller Riders have made some tentative plans for their annual post reunion bike ride. *"Our discussions began with the Outer Banks as a destination,"* says Rick, *"but we would very much like to hear some additional ideas."* The Outer Banks is a 200 mile string of barrier islands beginning at Virginia Beach and running south, covering half of the North Carolina coastline.

Mike Nolan, '67, has suggested that the trip begin with a ride to Salisbury, MD, his hometown, where the Riders would spend their first night. The next day, Mike will offer the Riders a complimentary fishing trip on Chesapeake Bay. *"The third week of April will see the Stripers running and I guarantee you will catch some fish,"* Mike says. *"These fish can get up to 30 or 40 pounds. What we catch, we will cook and eat that night."*



**Cape Hatteras
Lighthouse**

The bikers then would go south on the Bay Bridge into Virginia past Norfolk and Virginia Beach as they head for the Outer Banks. They'll see the Cape Hatteras lighthouse, the tallest in the country, and Kill Devil Hills (Kitty Hawk) where the Wright Brothers flew the first controlled powered flight in 1903. The "Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island is also a possible stop.

After a night on the Banks, the group would go south beginning with a two hour ferry ride back to the mainland, then continue south before turning west toward the Blue Ridge. The trip would end on

Friday back in the Valley after a trip through the mountains. For more information, contact Rick at: ricksmail@earthlink.net.

Don't be an April fool!

You will save on your registration fee if you send in your registration by Friday 1 April. This is no April Fool joke – you can save by registering on or before 1 April. See the blue registration form for details.

2011 Silent Auction will offer American tickets

With the highest bids, you can own two First Class tickets on American Airlines or a pair of Coach Class tickets at the Reunion 2011 Silent Auction. Annually, **Tom DelValle, '73**, Senior VP of American, makes the tickets available to raise money for the AMA Alumni Foundation. In past years, there also have been stays at vacation places at the ocean and in the mountains.

If you have something of value to put in this year's Silent Auction, please contact Auction Chairman **Dave Conrad, '59**, at gramof9@localnet.com. Last year's auction raised \$5,000 with the 2009 auction bringing in a record \$9,000.

5 March is deadline to have scholarship aps postmarked

Those applying for an AMA Legacy Scholarship must have their applications postmarked by 5 March 2011 to be considered. This year, the AMA Alumni Foundation is offering three scholarships, each valued at \$2,000. See details on page 8.

No Sporting Clay Shoot this year

Because of the crowded Saturday schedule, there will be no Sporting Clay Shoot at Reunion 2011.

50/50 offers a chance for some big bucks during Casino Night

On Casino Night at each of the last four reunions, a 50/50 idea has netted some real American dollars for both the participants and for AMA.

Into a glass jar, players place five dollar bills throughout the evening, each one with the contributor's name on the bill.

At the end of the evening, one of the five dollar bills is drawn and the person whose name is on the bill gets half the money in the jar while the AMA Foundation gets the other half.

In the past three years, the 50/50 jar at the end of the evening contained \$400, \$800 and \$900. In each instance, the winner gave his or her fifty per cent back to AMA though that certainly is not required or expected.

There will be plenty of five dollar bills at Casino Night, so plan now to play 50/50!

Get your AMA clothing items from the AMA PX before the reunion

Check out the PX Catalog in the center of this issue and pick out some items you would like to have when you get to Reunion 2011! A jacket or perhaps an AMA cap. Each person who registers for the **Entire Reunion Package** will be given a shirt at registration. Be sure to put your size on the blue registration form!

Death takes Tommy Simmons, '53

As we were going to press, we learned of the death of long time alumni supporter Tommy Simmons, '53 on 1 February. Tommy had been in ill health for some time but the news came as a surprise. He was a former AMA Alumni Association President and had been involved in alumni activities for many years. A full report will be in the next issue.

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The Roller Rifles to end a great run at Reunion 2011

Created at the end of the 1946-47 school year and revived in the 21st Century, the Roller Rifles will perform one more time before the guidon is furled and cased and the unit is deactivated.

The ceremonies will highlight the Reunion 2011 weekend as the Rifles perform for the last time on Saturday 16 April. Over the years, the Roller Rifles brought great glory to AMA excelling in activities like the George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria, the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester and at a host of other parades and ceremonies around the state. In 1976 under the command of **John Tyminski, '76**, the Rifles took first place at a multi-school competition at Morehead State in Kentucky.

When the unit was created, **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** was the Honorary Commander and **Linda Moorman Roller (Livick)** was the Honorary Vice Commander. The unit was named for **Charles S. Roller, III, '27**, the general's son and Linda's father. Lieutenant Roller had been killed in an automobile accident in 1938. Mrs. Livick will take part in the deactivation ceremonies.



The 1962-63 Roller Rifles won numerous awards: the George Washington Birthday Parade in Alexandria, the Halloween Parade in Waynesboro and the Christmas Parade in Staunton. The unit was commanded by **Ralph Butts, '63**.



The 1948 *Recall* had the first yearbook photo of a Roller Rifles platoon. **Hal Walters, '48**, was the commander of the unit.

Steve Traylor, '72, is leading the effort to sign up marchers with major support from **Garry Granger, '71**. **Tom DelValle, '73**, is handling uniform coordination. **Doug Pennock, '72**, who commanded the rifles his senior year will be in command on Reunion Saturday with **Karl Haleamau, '71**, as XO and **Jorge Rovirosa, '71**, carrying the guidon.

Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, '75, has told organizers he wants to march in the ranks. **Colonel Dean Hanson, '63**, is assisting in creating the appropriate ceremony for the deactivation and **Sergeant Don Studer** is returning from his trek across the West to help plan and execute the ceremony.

The Rifles will march to drumbeats provided by **Keith Traylor, '80**, **Thom McCabe, '74**, and **Billy Morales, '73**. The Colors will be commanded by **Blaine Clarke, '72**, with **Willis Walker, '71**, **Brett Thompson, '75**, **Jim Mitchell, '76**, and **Tom White, '76**.

This will be an event long remembered! Sort of the "Last Hurrah" for a splendid group of troopers who dedicated themselves unselfishly to spending the extra time drilling, purchasing their own uniforms and performing with heart and courage. We salute every former cadet who ever marched with **THE ROLLER RIFLES**.



The 1971-72 Roller Rifles commanded by **Doug Pennock, '72**. Pennock will lead the "new" Roller Rifles onto the drill field for the last time at Reunion 2011.



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John O. "Jack" Marsh was Shenandoah Valley Congressman, longest serving Army Secretary

For eight years, **John "Jack" Marsh** represented Virginia's Seventh Congressional District in Congress which included everything from Winchester to Natural Bridge and included Charlottesville, Culpeper and, of course, Augusta County. He received his law degree from Washington and Lee and served in the Virginia National Guard retiring as a lieutenant colonel having earned Senior Parachutist Wings. While a Member of Congress, Marsh served a voluntary 30-day tour of duty in Vietnam.

In 1974, he was named Counselor, with Cabinet rank, to President Ford and in 1981 became the Secretary of the Army. When he retired from that post in 1989, his tenure was the longest of any Secretary of the Army or Secretary of War in the history of the Republic.

On six occasions, he earned the Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service Award and was decorated by the governments of France and Brazil.



Jack Marsh

In 1990, Jack Marsh was named Virginian of the Year and was chosen by the Association of the United States Army to receive its George Catlett Marshall Medal for public service. In 1996, the National Guard Armory in Woodstock was named in his honor.

He has been a visiting Professor of Ethics at VMI, an Adjunct Professor of Law at the College of William and Mary and a Distinguished Professor at the George Mason School of Law.

In 2008, Defense Secretary Gates appointed Marsh as the co-chairman of the panel which investigated problems at the Walter Reed Army Hospital in 2008.

We are indeed fortunate to have this dedicated patriot at our reunion to salute the AMA alumni who have served their country in our nation's uniform. He will speak at Founder's Day, then be there for the portrait presentation at the Saturday luncheon.

Flying in for Reunion 2011? Fly AMERICAN!

For several days before and several days after Reunion 2011, you can fly on American with a special AMA discount and rent an Avis car, also at a discount!

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Tom Roller, '36, will be remembered at Roller Society paver dedication

As we went to press, **Thomas Antrim Roller, '36**, is the only Roller Society member to have passed away since the last reunion. Tom will be remembered at a ceremony in front of the Alumni House/Museum at the noon hour Saturday 16 April when a paver in the Roller Society Paver Garden will be dedicated to his memory.

Tom, the last surviving grandson of AMA's founder, died in Mesa, AZ on 29 July 2010. His father, **Colonel Thomas Jacob Roller**, owned the school jointly with **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** from 1907 until Colonel Tom's death in 1946.

The Roller Society Paver Garden is located beneath one of the great trees in front of the museum. Roller's niece, **Virginia Hallock**, will place a red rose on his paver as the old school bell tolls once. If any other Roller Society member passes away before the reunion, that person also will be honored in the same way.

Military display planned for reunion

Again at Reunion 2011, the Intermont Military Vehicle Club will bring some of their special items to our campus for the weekend. For several years, the club has brought vehicles to our reunions from World War Two, the Korean and Vietnam Wars and today's military for a display on the black top.

We thank them for their loyal participation and look forward to the interesting things they will bring to Reunion 2011.



SURPRISE ATTACK! - Just as the Museum was about to close for the day on 30 December, the door bell rang and in came BG Larry Nicholson, '75, and part of his family. "*What a treat!*," says Museum Executive Director Crysta Stephenson. L. to r., Danny, his fiancée, Allison, with Larry and Debbie.



BACK FROM OKLAHOMA - Julian Quarles, '35, is looking good after returning from Oklahoma where he spent the Holidays with his daughter and her family. Two falls had injured both of his hands but he's doing OK now. Glad to see him back is Museum Volunteer *par excellence* Ben Zinkhan, '60.

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HONORS FOR FISHBURNE - Bathed in autumn sunshine, a plaque is presented to Fishburne for their support of AMA in myriad ways. AMA Alumni Association President Jorge Rovirosa, '70, left, and AMA Alumni Foundation Chairman Frank Williamson, '60, right, with FMS President Colonel Roy Zinser on the front steps at Fishburne. The Waynesboro school brought their Corps of Cadets to parade at the 2010 AMA Reunion, has provided the weapons for the Roller Rifles performances and has established scholarships for the male kin of AMA alumni. Old rivals with a new and enduring friendship.



Fishburne mulls new junior college

Fishburne Military School will seek a feasibility study for a two-year military junior college to be opened in Waynesboro. The proposed new facility would provide junior college training for 200 coed students.

FMS Superintendent **Colonel Rick Zinser** estimates it will cost some \$6

million and would employ 20 to 25 people. Students attending the junior college would exit with an associate degree and have advanced ROTC training allowing them to be commissioned as second lieutenants when they finish the junior college.

The new school would be housed in Fishburne's Barger Hall, the former General Wayne Inn. Zinser says some teachers would work at both schools.

A junior college program would allow students to further their education by transferring to a four year college, proceeding with a military career or transferring to a military four-year college such as VMI or The Citadel.

Zinser said that FMS may be interested in the purchase of a neighboring church property if that church eventually moves to another location.



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Two coaches and two cadets

Sports Hall of Fame will induct four at reunion

The Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame will induct four new members in ceremonies on Saturday 16 April during Reunion 2011.

Coaches **Jerry Claiborne** and **Bill Ralph** will join **Manuel Balbis**, '53, and **Warren Fleming**, '72, in entering the fifth class of inductees into the Hall.

The late **Coach Claiborne** coached football and basketball at AMA while teaching 8th grade and giving **General Roller** credit for all the success he had later as a coach. He was Football Coach of the Year in three collegiate conferences: Southern, Atlantic Coast and Southeastern, and was the *Sporting News* National Coach of the Year in 1974.

Coach Ralph coached football at AMA for seven years and had a 39-21-7 record over that span. His players loved playing for him and he set a high standard for all his teams. One of his nominators – **Wayne "Slim" Hite**, '61 – said in nominating him, *"He taught me how to be a good quarterback."* He also taught history and civics.

Manuel Balbis was a wrestler's wrestler. He was captain of the Augusta team in 1952 and 1953. In 1952, he earned a Silver Medal in the Virginia Prep School Wrestling Championship.



Jerry Claiborne,
1952 Recall



"Maweeet" Balbis,
1953 Recall



Bill Ralph,
1960 Recall



Warren Fleming,
1972 Recall

In both 1952 and 1953, he was undefeated. Prep wrestling was a very competitive sport in the '50s and winning the Silver Medal was a great honor for "Maweeet" Balbis.

Warren Fleming played basketball and football for AMA but he was best known as an extraordinary running back being clocked at 9.9 for the 100 yard dash and picking up an average of five yards per carry. The 1972 season was the first year that AMA had racially integrated teams and Warren's leadership helped to make it work.

The 2011 inductees will be welcomed at ceremonies in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum at Noon hour on Reunion Saturday. Balbis, Fleming and Ralph are expected to attend as will members of Coach Claiborne's family. Association President **Jorge Rovirosa**, '70, and Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson**, '60, will induct the new Famers. Judges were **Phil Bentley**, '83, **Earl Cabaniss**, '43, **Doug Carter**, '72, **Ed Click**, '50, **Colonel Mal Livick**, **Roger Messick**, '52, **Julian Quarles**, '35, **Bobby Rhea**, '47, **Sergeant Don Studer**, **Nicky Syropoulos**, '69, **Brett Thompson**, '75, and **Williamson**.

List of those who have been nominated for the AMA Sports Hall of Fame

CADETS

Burgess Whitehead, '27 *
Mike Coops, '28
Omar Denton, '30
Henry Kim, '30
Carl Barnes, '31
Marshall Shires, '32
George Adam, '35
Roy Dunn, '35
Julian Quarles, '35 *
Nick Forkovitch, '41 *
King Edward Hodges, '41 #
Morris Guerrant, '42 *
Earl Cabaniss, '43 * #
William Tuminella, '43 #
Bobby Bowie, '46
Gene Crosby, '46 #
Jim Slaughter, '47
Ernest Click, '48 *
Charlie Jordan, '48
Bob Bradberry, '49

William Deuber, '49 #
Don Johns, '49 *
Meb Turner, '49 *
Dick Nolan, '50 * #
Ben Angle, '51 * #
"Pud" Constantino, '51 #
Archie Crawford, '51
Roger Brooke, '51
Frank Pilley, '51 *
Pete Angle, '52
Harold Davidson, '52
Roger Messick, '52
Jimmy Sedbrook, '52
John "Jay" Fox, '53 *
John Bell, '54 *
Hunter Cox, '54 #
Parker Ward, '54
1956 200 yard medley relay
John Calandros, '59
Harold "Bud" Allison, '61 *
Wayne Hite, '61 #
Wayne Blaylock, '62 *
Mike Basto, '63
Robert Frederickson, '63

Bob Gorgrant, '63 *
Dean Hanson, '63 *
Henley Carter, '65 * #
Peter Lampman, '65 *
Danny Walker, '66
Rocco Amedeo, '67
Chuck Sively, '67
Jim Stillwagon, '67 *
1969-70 basketball team *
Thomas Hennessy, '70
Roy Stauffer, '70
Bill Hummer, '71 *
Warren Fleming, '72 *
Paul Kime, '72
Al Zayas, '72 *
Tom DelValle, '73 *
Mal Livick, Jr., '75 * #
Larry Nicholson, '75 #
Andre Allen, '76 *
Charlie Livick, '76
Tom White, '76
Thomas Scott, '79
Rick Clary, '81
Todd Livick, '81 #

Phil Bentley, '83
Angelo Grecco, '83
Thad Arrington, '84

COACHES

Buck Chapman #
Jerry Claiborne * #
Ed Hart
Wayne Hite, '61 #
Jim Hogg
Colonel Paul Hoover *
Hener House
Joe Josephson * #
LTC Cyrus McCue, '27
David McDowell
Tim Mannasmith
Bill Ralph *
Don Studer *

OTHER

Billy Berroa, '81
Jerry Izenberg, '48 *
Bill Parkins, '70 *
General Charles S. Roller *

* Selected

Nominated in more than one category

Ted Jones, '44, had a unique career, photography, sculpture

Ted Jones was born in Pittsburgh in 1927 and passed away two years ago. He attended Augusta 1942-44, then went into the Army Air Corps in 1944 where he almost immediately was promoted to sergeant. After this World War Two military service, Jones traveled through Mexico, particularly the Yucatan Peninsula. Then he settled down to studies at Penn State from which he obtained a BA in journalism and a minor in theater and art.

In 1951, he became information specialist at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, then moved quickly to WRC-TV, the NBC affiliate in Washington, working on live TV productions and directing shows. He worked as a film editor for various NBC News projects.

In 1954, Ted Jones received the Sylvania Award for the special on water pollution called "Our Beautiful Potomac." He also earned an Emmy for editing "Urban Sprawl" and a Peabody Award for producing and editing "Science in the Schools." He produced, edited and photographed "Chosen Country," the first film on noted American author John Dos Passos which earned for him a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Jones also did a special "I Touch the Future," a video about Teacher-Astronaut Christa McAuliffe who died when the Challenger exploded.

An accomplished sculptor

Ted Jones also copped a Special Jury Gold Medal at the Atlanta Film Festival for time-lapse photography of his own stone carving. An accomplished sculptor, he produced seven one-man shows of his works. More than 200 of his sculptures are in public and private collections worldwide. He conducted a demonstration of stone carving at the White House at the invitation of the National Park Service.

In 1960, Ted began working at Stuart Finley Films, Inc. as an independent film producer. He spent the next 17 years at Stuart Finley producing environmental films. In 1977, he began to freelance making videos, film and black and white photographs. He has many picture credits including *Time*, *Fortune* and *Life* magazines. He photographed and printed a traveling exhibition entitled "The People of the Northern Neck," portraying the work ethic of the watermen in historic Tidewater Virginia.

One of his last projects was working with 19th Century non-silver photographic printing processes, particularly what is known as "the gum-dichromatic process," applying modern computer technology to these 19th Century processes. A retrospective show of Jones' gum process contemporary photographs toured Scandinavia for two years. An art critic called Jones' works "simply astounding

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Ted Jones in 1997

"Scootch" Melcher gets visit from AMA buddies

Doug Pennock, '72, might have thought that he was at the North Pole when he paid a visit to **Ron "Scootch" Melcher**, '71, in Cleveland in December. Doug lives in Puerto Rico and said he and Trudy felt they should "have rented some reindeer from Santa instead of getting a rental car" for the visit, it having been 84 when they left San Juan.

Melcher, First Captain his senior year, had a stroke in the Fall of 2008 and has been recovering at home since. Scootch's **Mike Kidd**, '72, and his wife picked up the Pennocks at their hotel and ferried them to the Melcher house where they were met by Scootch's wife, Jan.

Doug said they planned to stay no more than 90 minutes "but Scootch had a beaming smile and by the time we had finished shooting the bull, four hours had elapsed." It has been a long road back for Melcher but Kidd says that "Medicare will kick in in February and Scootch can begin speech therapy." After the visit, Doug wrote: "Ron may have his physical limitations making it difficult for him to move about and communicate as he would like but there is something that burns in his soul and that is the love he has for AMA. His memories of our life in the Valley 40 plus years ago is very fresh in his mind."

On the way back to the hotel, Doug asked Mike if what he was seeing in the sky were "albino lightning bugs."

New "Ladies of AMA" to help with volunteer work

Alumni President **Jorge Roviroso**, '70, has announced the creation of an organization of alumni spouses and friends to play a major role at reunions and in fund raising. The "Ladies of AMA" will be headed by **Becky (Mrs. Garry, '71) Granger**.

Says Roviroso, "We hope to focus on alumni wives, daughters, significant others and friends who can play a major role at our reunions under the direction of our Executive Director **Crysta Stephenson**. We are blessed to have many talented and enthusiastic women who have expressed a willingness to volunteer but often don't know how they can help."

This adjunct volunteer group can be of great value at reunions when there are so many tasks that need to be completed. "The 'Ladies of AMA' will foster, encourage and promote more positive participation at our AMA alumni functions," Roviroso said.

Are you coming to Reunion 2011?

We hope so, and if you are,
be sure to register by 1 April!
You'll save money, so don't be
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How I got so involved in the Afghanistan Project

by **Bruce Higginbotham Hemp**

Dipping the toe in the water:

In the winter of 2006, I got word that then **Colonel Larry Nicholson** was in Falujah, Iraq. Some of the fellow alumni at AMA were planning to send care packages to the troops under his command, so my geometry students at Fort Defiance High School (FDHS) created Christmas cards using geometric shapes and wrote notes to the Marines. I sent them to the coordinator of the care package project along with a monetary donation. Then in April 2007, I met Colonel Nicholson when he spoke at the AMA reunion, and introduced him to some of my FDHS students who had participated in the card activity. When I got word in the summer of 2009 that he had been assigned to command the 2dMEB at Camp Leatherneck, I contacted the individual who was in charge of the previous care package project and asked if he was going to do it again. He indicated that his schedule prevented him from doing so, and after asking several other AMA alumni if they were going to send care packages, I was asked if I would take on the task. So I did.

Taking the plunge with 2MEB

I e-mailed BGen Nicholson in June 2009 and asked what he needed. His immediate reply was, *"I think the first order I'd like to place with you is school supplies. Coloring books, and crayons, markers, pencils and small spiral notebooks for elementary age school kids. Soccer balls are always a big hit as well... and maybe some cheap, kids sunglasses."* So, I started filling that order and gathering support from AMA and Stuart Hall alumni, the Faculty at FDHS, Climbers of Jacob's Ladder (sent letters), and my friends. That fall the FDHS principal agreed to let me conduct a pen/pencil/marker drive for the Afghan children. By that time, BGen Nicholson had introduced me to SgtMaj Hoopii, and we expanded our donations to include items for

the Marines as well. We shipped 55 boxes to BGen Nicholson and SgtMaj Hoopii. However, once the Civil Affairs guys got going, our efforts expanded to include the renovation of the schools. At that point the FDHS students stuffed cinch bag backpacks with school supplies and we shipped 225 of them to LTC Zack Bennett. We also purchased chalkboard paint to renovate the chalkboards in



VIP TREATMENT AT THE PENTAGON - Larry Nicholson arranged for Bruce Hemp to meet with General Jim Amos, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, where General Amos presented her with a personal award for her amazing support of our Marines. She had a tour of the Pentagon, lunch in the Navy Flag Mess and then headed for Walter Reed Hospital with Larry's wife, Debbie, to visit our most seriously wounded. Says General Nicholson, *"Bruce was terrific in the hospital and shared with the guys some recent photos sent by the Sergeant Major of their battalion. She put smiles on faces wherever she went and we are truly blessed to have such an ambassador of good will working for our Marines and Sailors every day."* Pictured above, l. to r., General Nicholson, Debbie Nicholson, Bruce and General Amos.

Nawa. I believe all of the items (13 boxes) we shipped to LTC Bennett went to the Nawa District. The Female Engagement Teams were having success reaching the Afghan women and there was a glimmer of hope for change. When asked what they needed, MSgt Julia Watson said, *"send Polaroid cameras, film, OTC medicine, school supplies and dolls for the girls"*. So, that was the next project that was undertaken (26 boxes). We also sent beads and items that the women and girls might use to create an in-home industry.

Swimming laps in NOW ZAD

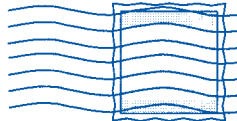
By the summer of 2010, schools in Now Zad were up and running and among them was a school for girls. Once again the opportunity to reach out to the girls was too strong to resist; 1SGT Bass

from 1/2 sent a wish list and by then the FDHS principal granted permission to "adopt" the girls' school. Our faculty and students brought in school supplies, Staples gave us a great deal to purchase additional supplies, and my students stuffed 300 backpacks; 150 were shipped to Now Zad, the rest to Musa Qal'eh. Jump ropes, hand forged hooks, construction paper, scissors, glue, pencil sharpeners, blackboard paint and other supplies for the teacher were sent to Now Zad.

When asked for socks and gloves for the Afghan students, one of the FDHS students took it upon himself to do a socks and gloves drive. We just shipped about 300 pairs of socks and gloves to Now Zad. Another student

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Letters to the Editor



Medal of Honor Winner Colonel James Swett

In the Fall 2010 issue of *The Bayonet*, you showed a photo made by **Roger Mullis, '76**, in a veterans' cemetery in Northern California. In the foreground was a grave marker for Marine Colonel James Swett who earned the Medal of Honor in World War Two.

I thought you might like to know what Colonel Swett did to earn the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest and rarest military award. After flight training at Quantico, then Lieutenant Swett became carrier qualified and was sent to the Pacific as a part of Marine Air Group 12. He won the Medal on his very first combat mission!

On 7 April 1943, he was on a combat air patrol over the Russell Islands with three other F4F wildcats when a force of 150 Japanese dive bombers were reported headed for Ironbottom Sound. Swett pursued and shot down three Vals in spite of the fact that his left wing had been holed by American anti-aircraft fire intended for the Japanese attackers. Swett repeatedly attacked the line of dive bombers and was attacking his fifth when he ran out of ammunition. He had been wounded and his cockpit shot up and so was forced to ditch in the ocean where he was rescued quickly by American sailors.

After coming back on duty, he shot down two Bettys and a Zero near Georgia Island and he himself was shot down by a Zero. Friendly natives picked him up and got him back to his unit. Over Bougainville, Swett, now a captain, got another Zero and later two more Vals and a Kawasaki Ki-61 Tony, a new model Japanese fighter.

Over Iwo Jima and Okinawa he shot down a kamikaze but saw his carrier *Bunker Hill* hit by two other kamikazes forcing him to land on another carrier.

During World War Two, Swett flew 103 combat missions, had 15.5 confirmed victories and four probables. He earned two Purple Hearts, eight Distinguished Flying Crosses and the Medal of Honor. He went to Korea during the Korean War but the Navy decided that a Medal of Honor recipient should not fly again in combat. He retired from the Marine Reserves in 1970 as a full colonel and died in 2009 in a Northern California hospital.

Colonel Swett had no known connection to AMA but his career is so very typical of the brave Augusta alumni who have served in our country's wars.

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Stuart Saunders, '79

Massanutten Commandant writes

The Junior ROTC program at AMA was a real blessing for several of us who were in civilian high schools who were smart enough to take advantage of it. **Major Anderson, SSG Scott** and on occasion **Colonel Livick** had a huge impact on me.

I was the D Company First Sergeant when AMA closed its doors in 1984 and went on to graduate from Fort

Defiance High School in 1985. Our interaction with AMA proper was limited but we did have several members on the AMA Rifle Team.

I graduated from West Point in 1989 and spent the next 20 years as an armor officer including a year in Bosnia as part of IFOR. I also had two tours in Iraq, first as the 4th ID maneuver planner and then as the 1st BDE, 4th ID XO. Retiring in 2009, I became the Commandant of Cadets and Senior Army Instructor for JROTC at Massanutten last year. I hope I am having the same impact on these young men and women that AMA had on me and the others who took advantage of this unique opportunity.

LTC Lester A. Layman
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Edinburg, VA

*Colonel Layman's mother, Linda Whitesel, is employed by Mid Valley Press in Verona, the company that prints *The Bayonet*.*

AMA Legacy Scholarship winner reports

This past semester at George Mason Law School has been a challenging one, but has nevertheless been exactly what I desired in a legal education. Law school proved to be extremely different from my undergraduate



Brittany Burke

experience as I found I had little time to do things for myself and had to constantly make the decision to study over doing fun things with friends and family. However, I feel this dedication paid off as I entered the exam period and felt adequately prepared. Though I had little extra time this past semester, I stayed active in the law school in hopes that extracurricular activities would further enhance my education. I am currently a member of the

American Bar Association and the Virginia Bar Association Pro Bono Society. I also volunteered as a bailiff for the Moot Court Upper Class Competition which allowed me to experience oral arguments first hand and made me feel more comfortable about the oral argument I will be required to present this coming semester.

This past October, I was honored to be initiated into Phi Alpha Delta, a national, professional legal fraternity comprised of law students, practicing attorneys and even Supreme Court Justices. This past year, the initiation was held at the United States Supreme Court where I was inducted by Justice Sonia Sotomayer, an experience I will never forget!

Public service has always been an important part of my life and a main reason I decided on law, thus, I have strived to stay active in the community. Through the Pro Bono Society, I am an active participant in the National Youth Justice Alliance which seeks to educate youth in detention about their rights under the U. S. Constitution. I have found this to be a rewarding experience.

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Major General Charles Ryder, '38, has died in San Antonio

Major General Charles Wolcott "Bud" Ryder, Jr., '38, himself the son of a major general, passed away in San Antonio on 28 March 2010 after a brief illness at age 89.

General Ryder graduated from West Point in 1942 and had a distinguished 35 year military career with combat service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He served with the 90th Division in Europe during WW II and graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1953.

Ryder was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff in 1960-61 and was Commanding Officer of the 1st Brigade, 8th Infantry in 1964-66. Promoted to brigadier general, he was Commanding General of the 199th Infantry Brigade in 1966-67 and was PMS&T at The Citadel immediately after.

He served in the Aerospace Defense Command, 4th Infantry in Vietnam, 1967-68, and was Chief of Staff, 4th Army in 1970-72. He was Chief of the Joint United States Military Aid Group (JUSMAGG) in Greece, 1972-74, and Director of Logistics and Security (J-4/7) EUCOM, 1974-77, his last assignment before he retired in 1977.

General Ryder received the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters and V device, the Air Medal with 16 oak leaf clusters, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart.

His father, MG Charles Wolcott Ryder, Sr., was a 1915 graduate of West Point, serving in both World Wars One and Two. General Ryder, Sr. was a military instructor at West Point while his son was attending Augusta. The senior Ryder died in 1968.

At AMA, Bud Ryder was known as "Poker Face." He attended AMA for four years, was a 1st lieutenant in A Company, on the Honor Roll, earned monograms in football and swimming and was on the boxing team.

His ashes, together with those of his wife of 63 years, Caldwell S. Ryder, are inurned in the Class of 1942 Columbarium at West Point. A memorial service was held on 1 April 2010 at the Army Residence Community Chapel in San Antonio.

General Ryder is survived by two sons, Charles of Northville, MI, and Edward of Alexandria, VA; four grandchildren, Major Bryan Ryder serving in Iraq, Laura Ryder McPhail of Grand Rapids, MI, Jennifer Ryder of Alexandria and John of Arlington, VA; and two great granddaughters, Riordan and Brenna McPhail of Grand Rapids.



**1LT Charles Ryder,
A Company
1938 Recall**



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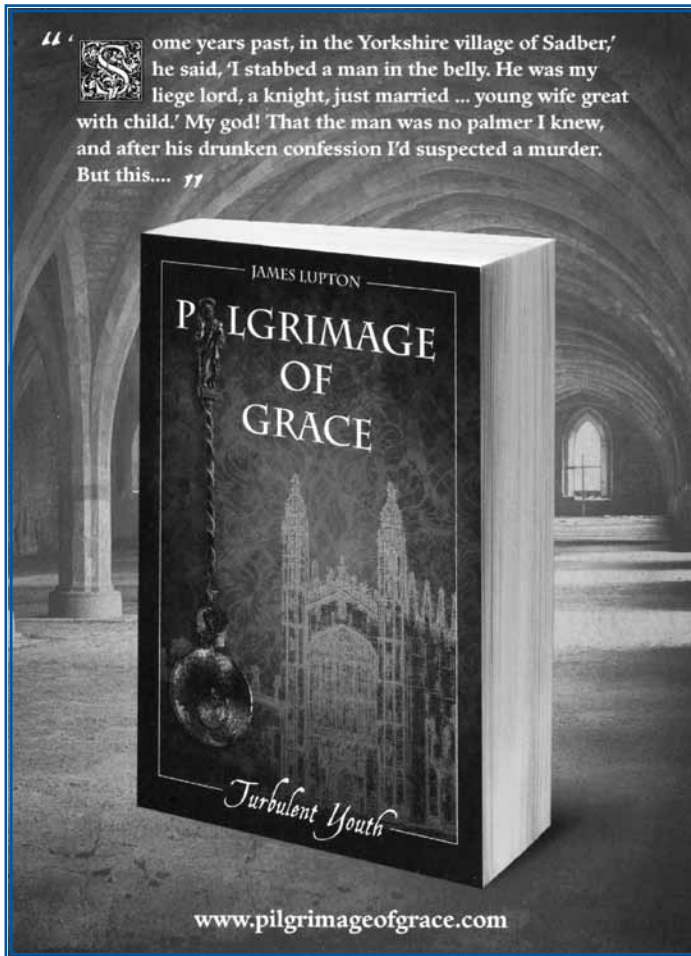
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Jim Lupton, '50, authors the first of two historical novels

Reverend Jim Lupton, '50, has authored the first of two historical novels about Roger Lupton who endowed a "public" school in Britain in 1525. The preparatory school still thrives with an enrollment of some 500.

As Jim writes, *"Roger Lupton was Royal Chaplain and a Canon at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle and the provost of Eton College from 1504 to 1536."* This was during the reigns of Kings Henry VII and Henry VIII.



The novel – *Pilgrimage of Grace: Turbulent Youth* – reveals Roger Lupton's resentment toward Coverham Abbey School and how he adapted and realized that a superior education at the school would surpass anything he might learn from the village vicar.

As second son, a church career was necessary because the older brother, Thomas, would inherit the family land and title in the local feudal hierarchy. While Roger adapted to monastic daily office, fasted and prayed, Thomas was at Middleton Hall learning the skills of a warrior: fast riding, fencing and jousting.

Consumed with envy, the only way Roger could get ahead of Thomas was to become an abbot or a bishop. He had visions of Thomas kneeling and kissing his signet ring thereby acknowledging his higher authority.

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HAP STARR, '51, left, earned an AMA Alumni Medal in 2005, presented above by **Bob Bradford, '50**. Hap died 19 October of last year. Details on page 33.

2012 reunion will recall the 150th anniversary of Civil War

On the Sunday of this year's reunion weekend, the calendar will mark the 150th anniversary of Virginia's secession from the Union, the seventh Southern State to join the Confederate States of America. Between now and April of 2015, countless Civil War battles, skirmishes and assaults will be remembered, particularly in Virginia where seventy per cent of the Civil War battles were fought.

With the decommissioning of the Roller Rifles at this year's reunion, we have decided to wait until next year to remember the Civil War and its effect on the creation of what eventually became the Augusta Military Academy.

The first big battle of the war was in July of 1861 at Manassas. After that First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas), **Charles S. Roller, Senior** and other friends from Augusta County rode north to Fairfax Court House to enlist in the Southern Army. Roller would serve until the day before General Lee surrendered at Appomattox on 9 April 1865. On 8 April, he was captured by Union soldiers but spent just one day as a POW.

Four months after Lee's surrender, Roller began to tutor Confederate veterans on the grounds of the Old Stone Church, the embryonic event which eventually would lead to the creation of the school we all love.

**Come to Reunion 2011
in new AMA garb!
See the catalog in mid-magazine**

Eight AMA men gave their lives in World War One – "the war to end all wars"

The plaque pictured here used to hang in the Front Arch. It honored an octet of heroes who were killed in action in "The Great War," as it was called then in 1914-1918. Later, it became known as "The World War," and after 1942, "The First World War."

Art Hurme, '61, has done a mammoth amount of investigation to see what we know about the eight Augustans who perished in World War One. We are grateful to Art for the time and energy he expended in research in spite of the fact that there is a paucity of information easily available about these men 90 plus years after they died.

Some 80 per cent of all military records from this time period were destroyed in a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis and Art points out that record keeping then was in no way similar to the way military personnel records are preserved today.

We are hoping that there will be *Bayonet* readers who will recognize a family name or a relative and who will be able to tell us more about the serviceman killed so long ago in Europe.

America goes to war

World War One began in 1914 and in spite of many vexations that could have brought the United States into the war much earlier, President Wilson resisted until he could do so no longer. In January of 1917, Germany had announced unrestricted submarine warfare against any ship headed to England and soon after German U-boats began attacking American vessels. This, combined with the discovery of the so-called "Zimmerman telegram" which advised the German ambassador to Mexico to offer Mexico portions of the Southwest it had lost to the U.S. in the 1840s if Mexico would enter the war on Germany's side, created the situation where a declaration of war was unavoidable. So, America went to war on 6 April 1917.

The History of Augusta County tells the story that on a spring day in 1918 (it might have been 1917), **Major Charles Roller, Jr.** – the Big Boy – parked "his big car at Hogshead's Drugstore (in Staunton) and fired several pistol shots in the air. A crowd gathered and he introduced Judge Henry Holt and together they exhorted the assembled citizenry to buy Liberty Bonds to support the war effort."

Many single AMA faculty members resigned to volunteer for military service and AMA's senior class took over the teaching of classes whose teachers had left. More than 500 AMA alumni are believed to have served in World War One.

The Roller brothers – **Colonel Tom Roller** and Major

Charles – decided that one of them should enter the service while the other stayed behind to run the school. Colonel Tom's daughter, the late **Hilton Roller Grasty** heard that her Dad and "Major" drew straws to see who would go and who would stay. It was Major Charles who went, a captain in the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps, attached to the 89th Division in France. He was there when the war ended on 11 November 1918. Later when

an AMA boy would visit his home at White Hall, Major/Colonel/General Roller would shake a canteen so that water he collected from the Meuse River on the day the war ended could be heard sloshing about in its sealed container.

Colonel Tom ran the school while Major Roller was away. The 1917 yearbook was a much reduced publication (only 5" X 8") with the notation, "There's a war on!" When the war ended, ROTC came to Augusta and the school continued to grow in favorable estimations.

Hoping for help

The eight AMA men killed in the war are profiled in this issue. As we previously stated, we are hoping that some of our readers will be able to add something to what we know about these fellows. Perhaps a family member will either recall some information or can go to family records to see what can be ascertained about their relative. Or maybe

there are other ideas about how to get more data on these folks. What we print here is the result of a lot of effort by Art Hurme but is only skimming the surface. Says Art, *"The people at the World War One Memorial and Research Library in Kansas City told me how many people come there and are frustrated in their research on WW I ancestors."* So, we cling to the thin reed of hope that some of our readers can help to flesh out what we know about these men who, as our plaque says, "For us, for their country, for the World with loftiest courage in glorious death went henceforth unto life everlasting." Half of those killed were in the 80th Blue Ridge Division which was formed in August of 1917 at Camp Lee (later Fort Lee) and was composed mainly of men from Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania (hence the three mountains on the shoulder patch). This division sent 23,000 men to France in June of 1918. To learn more about the 80th Division, consult *History of the Eightieth Blue Ridge Division in World War I A.E.F.*, original manuscript by Russell Stultz, Division Historian, 1946, revised by Bill Krenbiel, 2003.



Jay Frank Clemmer, Jr., '14
Middlebrook, Virginia

Clemmer attended Augusta for two years – 1911-1913 – and dropped out because of illness.

He served in the 80th Division as a lieutenant and died from wounds on 18 September 1918 less than eight weeks before the Armistice.

His father owned a residence and a distillery in Augusta County. His brothers – **Letcher P. Clemmer**, **Thomas F. Clemmer** and **William L. Clemmer** – also attended AMA.



Elliott Muse Braxton, Jr., '13
Newport News, Virginia

Another member of the 80th Division, Braxton likely was a lieutenant of infantry, but that cannot be confirmed. We do know that he was killed in action in 1918. At AMA, he was a sergeant in B Company, a substitute end on the football team and played basketball for two years.



Elliott Braxton, Jr.

His father – Elliott Muse Braxton, Sr. – was a United States Congressman who represented Virginia's 7th Congressional District. A major in the Confederate Army, he is buried in the Fredericksburg Confederate Cemetery.



Lloyd Braxton Liebler, '13
Brooklyn, New York and Portsmouth, Virginia

We have only unverified data on Liebler. We believe that he was born 25 November 1896 and that he was a second lieutenant assigned to Company H, 320th United States Infantry, in France.

While serving in the capacity of Acting Intelligence Officer, he was killed in action in the Argonne Forest on 11 October 1918 – one month exactly before the war ended.

Our information shows that his body was brought back to the United States and that he is buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

The officials at ANC are seeking additional information about Liebler.



Herbert S. Richey, '07
Fort Defiance, Virginia

Much of what we know about Richey comes from his nephew **Herb Richey, '40**. Herb provided us these details of his uncle's death:

"My uncle was a first lieutenant in the Army in charge of a Black company. Near the end of the war in 1918 some Germans crawled through 'no man's land' to warn the American troops that there would be a heavy barrage the next morning. Uncle Herbert moved his men back about three miles but then found that his cook was missing. He went back to get him and both were killed in the artillery barrage."



Herbert Richey, Class of 1907

The picture, above, was returned to AMA from VMI in 2006. *"The picture hung in the O.D. Room from about 1919 until it was removed after World War Two,"* Herb says. Richey had sailed to France in September of 1917 and went to the front in the Troyen Sector. He was wounded and died of his wounds on 19 April 1918.



Richard J. Howard, '09
St. Louis, Missouri

Howard attended AMA for two years – 1907-1909 but little else is known of his Augusta days since there was no yearbook published in 1909.

Howard was serving as a second lieutenant in the Black Watch, British Royal Army, serving with Canadian troops, when he was killed in action in France.



Richard Howard



From the 1920 Recall

To the memory of Augusta's sons who kept the rendezvous with death on land and sea and in the air, in the Great War for freedom this volume of the Recall is proudly dedicated

Thomas Detwine Amory, '10
Wilmington, Delaware

There was no yearbook in 1910 so we don't know anything about Cadet Amory's activities at AMA.

A second lieutenant in the 26th Infantry – Pershing's 100 – Amory advanced two kilometers into enemy territory on a reconnaissance mission. Finding his patrol almost surrounded, he fought on despite fatal wounds and drove the enemy from a pivotal position.

He received the nation's second highest decoration – the Distinguished Service Cross.



William Filler Welch, '11
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Welch was Captain of B Company, President of the Tennis Club, Final Term Secretary of the Literary Society, played football and was the Salutatorian of his class.

His family was from Mexico and he attended AMA 1907-1911. There are no details about where he served nor how or when he died. The 1920 *Recall* said only "Died in service." There are a number of William F. Welchs listed as participants in the war but with no way of telling which one was our man.



UNCLE SAM is shown looking approvingly at the 1917 AMA senior class from that year's *Recall*. In the Spring of 1917, the United States had gone to war.



CAPTAIN CHARLES S. ROLLER, JR. in his uniform from the First World War. He was assigned to the 320th Infantry Division, Ambulance Corps. As such, he was often in the midst of whatever action was taking place.

John "Jack" Kirkpatrick, '09
Lynchburg, Virginia

Kirkpatrick served in the 80th Division, a second lieutenant of artillery.

The records of Washington and Lee University show that he died on the day the Armistice was declared – 11 November 1918 – of wounds previously received.

The W&L record says he was wounded in the "Sedam" Campaign. In fact, it was the Sedan Campaign in the heavily forested region in northern France on the Meuse River border with Belgium.

We believe that **Charles S. Roller, Jr.** was in the same vicinity when the war ended.

AMA Trustees, Board meet in Norfolk

AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees and the Alumni Association Board of Directors met at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on 28-29 January and heard that the group which owns the school wants to sell the AMA buildings and grounds.

Over the next weeks, the Boards will consider what to do next. (Box on facing page) The United Pentecostal Church (UPC) bought the property in 1998 and the AMA Alumni House/Museum has been leased from them since the purchase.

The Boards had reports on the program at Reunion 2011 recognizing a very busy schedule on Saturday with a parachutist, the Fallen Soldier presentation and the decommissioning of the Roller Rifles leading the way.

AMA Museum Executive Director Crysta Stephenson reported that the first steps are being taken to have our museum fully accredited which will



LISTENING - At the Association Board meeting on Saturday. Rear, Rick Smail, '67, from Utah, Bob Bradford, '50, from California, Roger Messick, '52, from Arizona and Clyde Ramsey, '49, from Fishersville, VA. Front row, Frank Spencer, '49, from Waynesboro, Gordon Metz, '68, from Martinsville and Steve Traylor, '72, from Germantown, MD.



LEARNING - Before the meetings, a number of AMA folks toured the General MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk where the general and his wife are buried. L. to r., Foundation Chairman Frank Williamson, '60, Museum Executive Director Crysta Stephenson, Roger Messick, '52, Association President Jorge Roviroso, '70, and Garry Granger, '71.

make it eligible for more foundation and government grants.

Dr. Mary DeCredico, USNA, and Stephenson emphasized that the proper cataloging of items and the careful protection of archives will be a

big part in determining if the museum will be accredited.

Treasurer "Bud" Oakey, '70, said that fourth quarter contributions were down but that income from PX sales was up substantially.

Garry Granger, '70, will re-energize the Chairman's Roundtable program where those who pledge \$1,000 a year for five years will receive special recognition.

The Board approved letters of commendation to **Goodloe Saunders, '57,** and **Ben Zinkhan, '60,** for their service on the boards and to **Mac McInnis, '67,** for his efforts to see that *The AMA Way* was made.

Roger Messick, '52, is putting together a fund raising program that will be presented to the boards at the April reunion. He will consult with **Norvell West, '83,** and **Mark Femrite, '71,** to assure that there is but one fund raising effort going forward.

It was determined that Foundation trustees and Association board members should be elected to three year terms as called for in the by-laws. A staggered incumbency will be put in place so that a third of each board stands for election each year.

Three AMA Legacy Scholarships, each worth \$2,000, will be awarded at the reunion. Deadline for applications to be postmarked is 5 March.

AMA Alumni Medals will be awarded at the reunion with nominations closing 18 March.

The United Pentecostal Church (UPC) which owns the AMA campus has advised us that they wish to sell the property.

AMA has been given the right of first refusal and over the next weeks the Foundation and Association Boards will be considering what to do next.

We will be reporting on any developments on the AMA webpage (AMAAlumni.org). Check there for updates.



SOCIALIZING - Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, welcomed alumni to their Virginia Beach home when the boards met in Norfolk. Above, Frank and Bev with Bob Adams, '63. Below, John Maragon from Fishburne, AMA Alumni President Jorge Rovirosa, '70, Virginia Beach Treasurer John Atkinson, '59, and Alumni Association Vice President Luke Snyder, '60, enjoy a palaver at the Williamsons.



N. Byrd Newton, '62, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Neck Bank in Warsaw, VA retired 31 December 2010. Northern Neck merged with Union First Market Bank of Richmond in October. Byrd has a new cell phone number: 804/761-6146.

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Larry Nicholson, '75, will get second star

As we were going to press, we learned that **Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC**, will soon have a second star. Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced on 28 January that Larry has been nominated for promotion to major general.

General Nicholson is currently Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense at The Pentagon. He plans to be at Reunion 2011 and will march in the ranks at the last Roller Rifles exhibition on 16 April.

Marge (Mrs. Ernie, '48) Click doing oil of Big Barracks

Mrs. Ernest Click, '48, is doing an oil painting of Big Barracks which will be in the Silent Auction at Reunion 2011. Marge Click is doing the work based on a number of pictorial ideas furnished by her brother-in-law **Ed Click, '50**.

Thank you to our correspondents

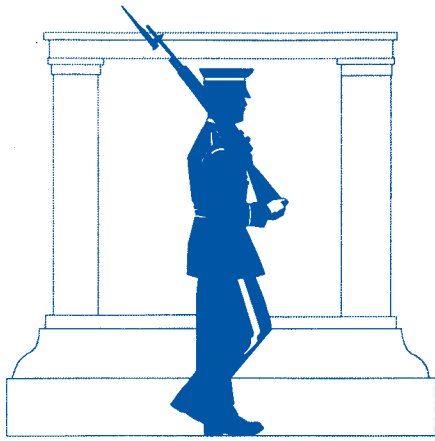
Elsewhere, we have thanked **Lew Muddin, '53**, and **Buddy McCausland, '39**, for being faithful *Bayonet* correspondents, checking their local papers for news about AMA alumni, faculty members and friends.

We also want to extend a sincere thank you to these other alumni who have sent us AMA news all the time: the late **Jim Bob Lane, '49**, **Mac McInnis, '67**, **Mickey Toms, '67**, **Tommy Simmons, '53**, **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, **Blaine Clarke, '72**, **Duncan Wong, '52**, the late **Hap Starr, '51**, **Jay Fox, '53**, **Ozzie Ferro, '53**, **Al Zayas, '72**, **Abie Dabney, '51**, **John Core, '51**, **Mark Femrite, '71**, and **Garry Granger, '71**.

You can be a big help to us by watching for news about our people. Please check news stories, obituaries, stories of promotions and transfers and other personal columns and get the news to us by FAX at 916/817-8596, on line at AMABayonet@aol.com, or by snail mail to: *The Bayonet*, 1687 Schillers Court, Folsom, CA 95630. Thank you in advance!

Register for Reunion 2011 before April Fools Day!

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Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty and friends to AMA Chaplain, **Frank Spencer, '49**, 506 Old Charleston Road, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Phone 540/943-2633 2frankspencer@myway.com

Robert Sidney Brooks, '37

1 January 2011, in Richmond, 92. BA in economics from William and Mary in 1941. Served in the Italian Theater during World War II, captain, artillery. Spent 36 years with Life Insurance Company of Virginia retiring as vice president in 1982. Survived by two sons, Robert of Charlotte, NC and Stephen of Richmond; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. At AMA: varsity basketball, B Company. Reported by **Lew Mundin, '53**.

Major General Charles Ryder, '38

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Colonel Robert Reisacher, '38

2010, Santa Fe, NM, 89. Received a BA in architecture from Carnegie-Melon. Served four years in World War Two using his training to build a mess hall on Guadalcanal while the fighting still raged. He later was assigned to Tinian and later, Alaska. After serving on the Army Aviation Board at Fort Rucker, he became commander of the 7th Aviation Battalion in the Korean War. Attended Princeton Grad School, University of Edinburgh, and George Washington University. He taught history at West Point and was XO of the 11th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cav in Vietnam, his third war. Master Aviator,

earned the Bronze Star. Finished his military career as military assistant to the Under Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon. In civilian life, he supervised the construction of a desalinization plant in Saudi Arabia, built an airfield in Jeddah and joined CM, Inc. of Houston in charge of their projects in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia. Lived in the Middle East for a number of years. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Tatiana, a son, Robert, Jr., a daughter, Alexis, and a grandson, Morgan. At AMA: Sergeant, Band Company; Peep football; wrestling team; Honor Roll; Monogram Club; Battalion bugler.

Judge Kenneth Glaser, Jr., '43

10 March 2002, Adrian, MI, 75. Navy service in World War Two. University of Michigan and University of Michigan Law. Elected a District Judge in 1969. Probate judge, 1971-76. Circuit Court Judge, 1977-84. Charter member, Civil War Roundtable. Goodwill Industries, board member. Boy Scouts, board. Survived by his wife of 53 years, Nancy; children, Rebecca Ledesma of Lansing, MI, Kenneth of Allendale, MI, Reverend William of Austin, MN, John and Timothy of Adrian and Matthew of Marshall, MI; brother, Phillip of LaJolla, CA; sister, Natalie Elliott of Fremont, MI; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Judge Glaser told his children that he learned self control and the ability to study at Augusta. At AMA: A Company.

Leonard Wilson, '43

8 December 2010, Tappahannock, VA, 85. After graduating from AMA, Wilson went into the Army and was sent to OCS. He served with the 96th Division in the Pacific Theater until the end of the war. Graduate of West Virginia University. Employed by Sperry Univac in Washington, DC. In 1995, he was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Mary Louise. Survived by his wife of 11 years, Dolores; son, Mark of Owings, MD; daughter Alice of Dallas, GA; two stepsons, Robert Klepper of Suffolk and Michael Klepper of Keswick, VA; a grandson and four step-grandchildren. At AMA: Captain, D Company; JV football; boxing; tennis; Glee Club; Final Ball Committee; Cotillion Club; Honor Roll. *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

George R. Wong, '44

1 November 2010, Panama City, Panama. Graduate of University of Virginia Law School. Established a travel agency in Panama which he operated until his death. Survived by his wife, Carmen Teresa Chen de Wong; children, Donaldo, Fanny, Georgia, Luis Alberto and Carmen; grandchildren, Donaldo Wong, Jorge, Fanny and Jaime Rodriguez, Ramiro and Daniela Quan and Lorena and Luis Wong; and his brothers, **Juan, '45**. Another brother, **Carlos, '45**, died many years ago. At AMA: D Company. Reported by **Duncan Wong, '52**.

Willard R. Finney, '45

10 January 2011, at home, Rocky Mount, VA. Military Policeman in the Army of Occupation, Italy. University of Virginia, BA, and T.C Williams School of Law, LL.B. Practiced law in Rocky Mount for more than a half century. Represented the 9th District in the Virginia House of Delegates for eleven years. Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Past President of Rotary, Ruritan and Franklin County Historical Society. Former Chairman, Franklin County Democratic Committee. Treasurer, Franklin County Bar Association. Board member, United Virginia Bank. Assistant District Court Judge for Franklin and Pittsylvania Counties. Survived by his wife of 52 years, Betty Joyce Blessing; three children, Willard R. Finney, Jr. of Prague, Czech Republic, Beth Ann Nocht of Mechanicsville, VA and Rose Marie Sniffin of Fredericksburg; and grandchildren, Olivia and Amelia Sniffin. At AMA: Corporal, A Company; track team; White Page. Reported by **Lew Mundin, '53**.

Marvin Z. Osheroff, '45

2003, Boca Raton, FL. No other details. At AMA: D Company

J. Thomas Jones, '48

2 November 2008, Deland, FL. Survived by his wife, Joan. At AMA: Headquarters Company. Played on the Orchid Bowl Prep School Championship team.

Charles Milton Gallier, '48

12 November 2010, Richmond, 81. Served in the Army during the Korean War. Graduated from University of

Virginia. Avid tennis player, playing in the Hudgins-Roller Tennis Tournaments at annual reunions. Survived by his wife, Hannah; daughters Cynthia Dixon, Ann Parsons, Myra Zocher and Jill Durand. Grandchildren, Kirsten and Jacob Fields, Julia and Jason Bucy, Emily Tatum and Nicholas and Sophia Durand; brother, Ronald; and a sister, Mary Ellen Hines. At AMA: 150 pound football; Honor Roll; JV basketball.

Charles "Hap" Starr, '51

19 October 2010, at his son's home in New Jersey, heart attack the night before he was to enter the hospital for heart surgery. He and his wife had lived on Water Island, St. Thomas, VI for 27 years before he broke his hip in a fall. Air Force, 1951-55. Graduate of University of Delaware in 1959 with bachelor's degree in economics. Had a career in publishing with Random House and a second career as a master carpenter. A leading citizen of Water Island, he took responsibility of conveying dead and injured people to St. Thomas in his 24 foot boat. Hap ran a charter boat service for many years. He helped to organize alumni lacrosse games against the varsity. One of the first major supporters of *The Bayonet*. Awarded AMA Alumni Medal in 2005. Survived by his wife, Mary Ann and three sons: Charles "Hap" of Texas and Michael and William of New Jersey. At AMA: 1st lieutenant, Band; Tiger football; lacrosse; Spanish Club. Reported by **John Core, '51**.

Hansford "Terry" Duval, '53

17 November 2010, in Richmond, after a 30 month battle with cancer, 76. Attended Hampden-Sydney, the University of Virginia, the University of Miami and Palm Beach State College. Medic in U.S. Army. Had a career in securities, commercial real estate and sales. Attended and won several sports fishing tournaments. Survived by sons John of Atlanta, Thomas of Leesburg, VA and Joseph of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; daughters Mollie Rhodes of West Palm Beach, FL and Julia Duval of Delray Beach, FL; and ten grandchildren. At AMA: Captain, C Company; wrestling; Roller Rifles. Reported by his roommate **Lew Mundin, '53**, and **Manley Caldwell, '53**.

Warren G. Kyger, '59

1997. Owned the Kyger Funeral Home in Shenandoah. At AMA: E Company.

Robert Edward Watts, '63

25 November 2010, at his home in Missoula, Montana, diabetes, 65. Was in 11th grade at AMA. Graduated from Amherst (VA) High School. Advanced degrees from Virginia Tech and Florida State. Worked for the Florida State Legislature in Tallahassee for many years. He later established two companies in Florida – Blue Ridge Construction and Mountain View Communications, his company logos reflecting his love of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Survived by his brothers, **James Watts, '67**, of Missoula and **Kenneth Watts** of Amherst. At AMA: C Company, SFC; Roller Rifles; Cotillion Club; track; Privilege List. Reported by **Bob Harris, '54**.

Donald "Pete" Dogoli, '67

2 October 2010, Richmond, cancer. Owned the Superior Masonry and Construction Company and McLean's Restaurant, both in Ashland, VA. Started drag racing in the 1970s and won the 2010 Pro Mod Service. Survived by his mother, Violet Dogoli; two sons, Anthony and Christopher; a grandson; and a sister, Debbie Jukes. At AMA: Captain, Ordnance; varsity football; wrestling; lacrosse; Roller Rifles; Privilege List; Best private, freshman year. Reported by **Stuart Matthews, '55** and **Jerry Monger, 65**.

Lloyd Matty, '68

(a.k.a. **Jake Vanlor Melville**)

11 October 2010, at home, Folsom, CA, 60. Attended University of Connecticut graduating *magna cum laude*. Survived by his mother, Frieda Matty; a brother, Dean Matty; two daughters, Vanessa and Loretta; and three grandchildren. At AMA: Sergeant, B Company; tennis; *Bayonet* staff; JV lacrosse; debating; Honor Roll; US Air Force Academy appointee.

John M. Warren, '68

18 September 1990. No details. Crew chief and gunner on Hueys while serving in Vietnam. At AMA: Sergeant, Headquarters Company; JV football; Privilege List; Mess Hall Sergeant. Reported by **Steven Craig Lewis, '57**.



**Reisacher,
1938 Recall**



**Wilson,
1943 Recall**



**Wong,
1944 Recall**



**Gallier,
1948 Recall**



**Starr,
1951 Recall**



**Duval,
1953 Recall**



**Watts,
1963 Recall**



**Dogoli,
1967 Recall**



**Matty,
1968 Recall**



**Warren,
1968 Recall**

One way to remember a friend who has passed away is to buy an inscribed paver in his or her name. See page 39.

The Roller Society

The Roller Society honors those who give to the AMA Alumni Foundation after their lifetimes. It is on the shoulders of these dedicated heroes that AMA's future will be built. Funding the AMA and VMI Scholarships, maintaining and improving our AMA Museum and supporting the printing and mailing of The Bayonet.

The Roller Society logo, left, infers that your gift will keep on giving, echoing over the years, enabling us to repeatedly fund the programs that define who we are, assuring that your name will be remembered long after you are gone.

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Tommy Simmons, '53
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Bob Harris, '54
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Luke Snyder, '60
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Chris Meek, '84

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Carroll Knicely, '46
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Bill Harris, '48
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Terry Snow, '58
Gary Nicholson, '70

The way in which we hope to keep the name of Augusta Military Academy alive after our lifetimes is with proceeds from the Roller Society. If you have questions, please talk with one of the AMA Alumni Foundation trustees or contact the museum at 540/248-3007 or augustamilitaryacademy@verizon.net

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Afghanistan *from page 23*

gathered eyeliner and fingernail polish for the girls and those items were added to the socks and gloves shipment.

Olympic size pool

I was raised in a family where funds were spent on education instead of new cars or material things that, according to my father, *"had no lasting value or that we could wreck."* Thus, education was always emphasized and I loved being in a single gender high school. I wholeheartedly believe that unless the Afghan women and girls are afforded a chance for an education, Afghanistan will remain mired in the dark ages. Knowledge is power and to deny the children and in particular the girls that knowledge is sinful.

At FDHS, our motto is "Making a Difference in Someone's Life", be it with a pack of Ramen noodles or with a backpack full of school supplies. As a math teacher, problem solving is a given, and that tends to carry over into all aspects of my life. I get great satisfaction from helping others and coming up with creative ways to solve problems. This project has been a team effort from the beginning and the support from my family, friends, colleagues, students, AMA alumni, Stuart Hall alumnae and those Marines and Sailors to whom we have shipped items, is phenomenal. The many friendships within and surrounding the USMC that have been formed because of this project continue to be the catalyst and driving force causing me to carry on.

Stats from May 2009-Dec. 2010

Donors: 85 donors gave \$9346.88 and \$8847.30 has been paid out.

Boxes: 264 boxes weighing over 5188 lbs worth approximately \$18,970 with postage of \$4,070 were shipped from Staunton. \$5793 in goods were shipped directly to Camp Leatherneck from vendors.

Approximate total value of items sent \$24,600. Of this, \$15,166 in donated items.

These data do not include the boxes shipped by others on the AMA team: **Smal, Ferro, Bradford, Revette, Studer, Hash, Kidd and DelValle** *which would increase the

number of boxes by approximately 130 (80-90 of those shipped by Ozzie Ferro at a postage cost of \$1200 and value roughly \$3400. (Ozzie received donations of \$600)

These items were shipped directly from the manufacturer/company: more than 700 soccer balls (including air pumps and needles) value ~ \$5000 including shipping.

Hundreds of inexpensive toys and over 200 pair of sunglasses shipped directly to CLN from Smile Makers.

Seven packs of Yellow peel off letters were sent from the manufacturer (121) and 25 pillows were shipped from the manufacturer.

Crayons, pencils, and small spiral notebooks were shipped from the manufacturer (\$82), eight hotplates shipped from Amazon (\$160).

Companies who responded to our request for donations:

Kraft - no, but an employee and SH grad, donated funds for 500 cups of Easy Mac and Cheese

Maruchan, Inc. - 150 cases Ramen noodles (3600 packs)

Supply One - as many boxes as we want

Kroger - discount on Easy Mac and Cheese

Super Save - ordered food and sold it to us at wholesale

Staples - school supplies at pennies over their cost

Fisher Auto Parts - 400 soccer balls (\$2800)

Maggie's Beads - \$400 worth of beads

Binbo Bakery - 300 pizza crusts (and kits)

Smart Shopper - gift certificate

Walmart - reduced price on dolls

Medline - seven cases Ready Bath Basics

American Airlines - transported 100 soccer balls at no cost

Augusta Paint - discount on chalk-board paint

FDHS - picked up cost of printing 125 coloring books for Marines and postage for WW letters

Eleven Units supported

2nd MEB, Civil Affairs, FET, 2/2, 1/2, 1/8, 1/6, RCT2, RCT7, Wounded Warriors (Camp Leatherneck), WW-Bethesda

Donors: no way of telling.

Helpers: 130

Attitude of students: "Cool" - "Awesome" - "Anything to get out of math class." Most students think that what they are doing will translate into making a difference for someone else. Some very poignant letters were written by students, which opened my eyes to their situations.

Many mention parents or relatives serving in the military, one lost her dad in Iraq and another's dad is in Afghanistan now. Students mentioned sending items last year, in their notes to WW. And finally, there is no telling if any of this had any effect on the decision of two of my students to join the USMC upon graduation in May 2010.

** Through American Airlines, Tom DelValle has been responsible for shipping an additional 1100 soccer balls, 5,333 steaks, over 8,000 cigars, countless school supplies, 25,000 pair of Crocs and numerous other items including the Lieutenant Dan Band and Leeann Tweeden to Afghanistan. (Of course they brought them back home, too!) I think they have sent three plane loads to the area.*

General Nicholson to speak on Veterans Day at invitation of Wattay

Brigadier General Larry Nicholson, '75, USMC will speak at Veterans Day Ceremonies on Hilton Head Island, SC at the invitation of **Commander Alex Wattay, '53, USN, Retd.** Wattay is in charge of the annual salute to the brave men and women who have kept our country free.

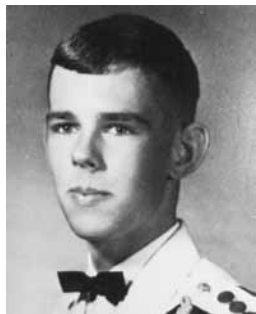
General Nicholson is the Senior Military Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. He had combat command duties in Iraq and Afghanistan having been seriously wounded while serving in Iraq.

Working on your tax returns?

Contributions to the Alumni Foundation will give you a tax deduction on your Federal taxes and on most State taxes. Donate now! Save on your 2011 taxes!

OOPS

Several people have called to our attention that the picture with the story about **Henry Nicol, '64**, in the last issue was actually a photo of his good friend **Doug Brown, '64**. Sorry about that. Here - we hope - is a photo of Henry.



In the story about the contribution of military school memorabilia by alumnus **Anthony Reed, '55**, we inadvertently demoted him. He retired from the Army after 9/11 as a major general, not a brigadier as reported.

The list of board members of the AMA Alumni Association in the last issue omitted the name of **Blaine Clarke, '72**, one of our most effective board members.

In the Summer 2010 issue, there was a 1960 class photo from Reunion 2010. The man in the photo with his son is **John Mayne**, not Bill Mayne.



TENTING TONIGHT ON THE OLD CAMP GROUND - In October, the Civil War Battle of Cedar Creek, VA was reenacted with several AMA folks involved. Pictured above among the Confederate tents are Mark Femrite, '71, who had responsibility for "vittles," visitor Steve Traylor, '72, and LTC Nicky Syropoulos, '69, who is ordnance/security officer for Longstreet's Corps, responsible for safety, a position given to him by the late Charlie Hillsman, '71, who commanded the Corps until his untimely death in 2001. Jeff Wenzel's wife is Manager of the Battlefield Trust.

Lee Trinkle's wife was tour guide's sister

Those who went on the Staunton tour during Reunion 2010 will remember our gracious guide **Marney Gibbs**.

She had told **Frank Williamson, '60**, that her sister was terminally ill in Alabama but not until later did Frank put it together that Marney's sister was **Catherine Gibbs Trinkle**, the wife of **Reverend Lee Trinkle, '53**, for 51 years. Mrs. Trinkle, a Staunton native, graduated from Stuart Hall and Hollins College and with her husband was a Christian missionary to China for several years.

We are glad to know of this connection and extend our sincere condolences to Marney at this time of family sorrow.



ONE HAPPY FAMILY - Harry May, '47, and Jane, surrounded by their big and loving family. Harry was the first Commander of the Roller Rifles and will be at Reunion 2011 for the decommissioning ceremony.

WORKING ON YOUR TAXES? A CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION NOW WILL GIVE YOU A TAX DEDUCTION FOR 2011!



Augusta cookbook ready by reunion

Following gratifying response by AMA alumni and friends in sending in their favorite recipes, the new AMA Cookbook will be ready for sale at Reunion 2011 and available afterwards from the AMA PX.

The book will contain 200 to 250 recipes from 50+ contributors, says **Becky (Mrs. Garry, '71) Granger** whose idea this was. *"Several folks had recently lost loved ones and sent recipes from them," she says. "Some recipes came from the mothers of AMA alumni and several 'colorful' recipes were too long to publish but will be published in a later Bayonet."*

Becky said that she was amazed at the enthusiasm that the cookbook has created: *"I am sure this is going to be a very popular first edition and we may want to do a second volume in a couple of years."* The books will sell for \$15 each.

Becky has a special thank you for **Nancy (Mrs. John, '67) Botcheller**, **Victor Gomez, '69**, **Kiki (Mrs. Jorge, '70) Rovirosa**, **Anne (Mrs. Luke, '60) Snyder**, **Bev (Mrs. Frank, '60) Williamson**, and Becky's daughter, **Heather Doty**, **Katie (Mrs. Stephen) Granger** and **Lyndsi**

WINGED VICTORY - No, Tom DeValle, '73, has not sprouted wings though he has been one of AMA's most loyal angels. As Senior Vice President of American Airlines, Tom has helped us in so many ways from providing airline tickets for the Silent Auction to transporting AMA donations to our troops in Afghanistan to allowing us to designate American as THE AMA airline. To thank him, AMA Alumni Association President Jorge Rovirosa, '70, flew into DFW to present a plaque of appreciation to Tom in his Fort Worth office. He was joined by former Alumni Association President Garry Granger, '71.

Ouellette, Matthew Granger's girlfriend, plus her husband, **Garry**.

Many thanks to Becky for taking on this marvelous project!



Harry Campbell's Valentine project

Harry Campbell, '70, having been deployed during Desert Storm, asked students from several Augusta County schools to make Valentines for the 1,200 Marines and Sailors in 1/8 who are serving in the Musa Qa'leh area in the Helmand Province in Afghanistan.

Bruce Hemp reports that she was *"inundated with Valentines, some crappy, but Valentines nevertheless, from second graders to my MBC students. I never realized what a task it would be to collect 1,200 Valentines."*

Bruce also reported that she had sent to LTC Dan Canfield, the CO of 1/8, a football signed by Virginia Tech Head Football Coach **Frank Beamer**. Colonel Canfield was a 1991 Civil engineering graduate at Tech.

And if you are wondering what to send the Marines in Afghanistan: it's oatmeal! Bruce got a good price on 2,400 packs and sent them off. This Bruce is one great lady!

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Lupton book

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So Roger worked hard to please the monks to prepare for his monastic vows. He was chosen to be cantor at the Christ Mass, a great honor for a young postulant, his moment of triumph... except that Roger took a forbidden glance at the beautiful Alice Compton who was the vivacious young daughter of a local squire. Thus begins the tale.

After AMA, Jim Lupton attended Duke and the University of Pennsylvania earning a masters degree in architecture. From 1960 until 1983, he had a career in architecture, then he attended the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Austin and was ordained deacon and priest in 1986. After serving Episcopal churches in Arkansas and Texas, he became, in 1995, Dean of Convocation for the Southwest Arkansas Episcopal Diocese.

At AMA, Jim was a first sergeant on the Battalion Staff, active in the YMCA and the Beta Club and wrote for both the *Bayonet* and the *Recall*. In his senior year, he was elected to *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

You can read more about Jim Lupton's new book at: www.pilgrimageofgrace.com. A sequel – *Perilous Power* – will be published later this year.



**Jim Lupton,
1950 Recall**



CO-HOSTS - Billy Berroa, Jr., '81, and Mei-ling Aquino co-host *Tu Manana* which airs daily on Telemicro International in the U. S. and the Dominican Republic on Time Warner. Billy broadcasts Major League Baseball games in Spanish every year.

Letters to Editor from page 24

Currently, I am applying for a summer job; my ideal would be to work in one of several legal fields including criminal prosecution, medical malpractice, personal injury or products liability litigation. The George Mason Law Career Service Office has been wonderful in keeping us updated on possible positions.

The Augusta Military Academy Legacy Scholarship has helped make all of these experiences possible. By eliminating a portion of the financial burden that accompanies a legal education, I have been able to focus on my education and career goals without constantly worrying about finances.

I continue to be inspired by the generous alumni at AMA who make these scholarships available. I hope that one day I can return the favor to a well-deserving student seeking to make an impact on their society.

George Mason University **Brittany Burke,**
granddaughter of Chuck Pine, '49

Ted Jones from page 22

for its virtuosity." Jones often used multiple color passes and an artist's brush (used to manipulate the image while still wet) to create images that often have more in common with fine art graphics than photography. Yet these images are still grounded in the world of the real, albeit often overlaid with a strong dose of fantasy.

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SPOTLIGHT on DOUG CARTER, '72

Played for Lou Holtz at North Carolina State, taught, coached 30 years

You can find him at the AMA Museum every Tuesday. Since **Sergeant Josephson** passed away unexpectedly last year, **Doug Carter, '72**, has stepped in to take Sergeant Joe's turn guiding returning alumni through the museum and listening to countless stories about who did what and to whom back in their cadet days.

Doug is a Staunton native, the youngest of six children. His father was a cook and butcher at SMA and his mother was employed at Western State Hospital. After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School, Doug came to AMA for a single year to play football and get prepared for college. With his father working at SMA, how did Doug end up at AMA?

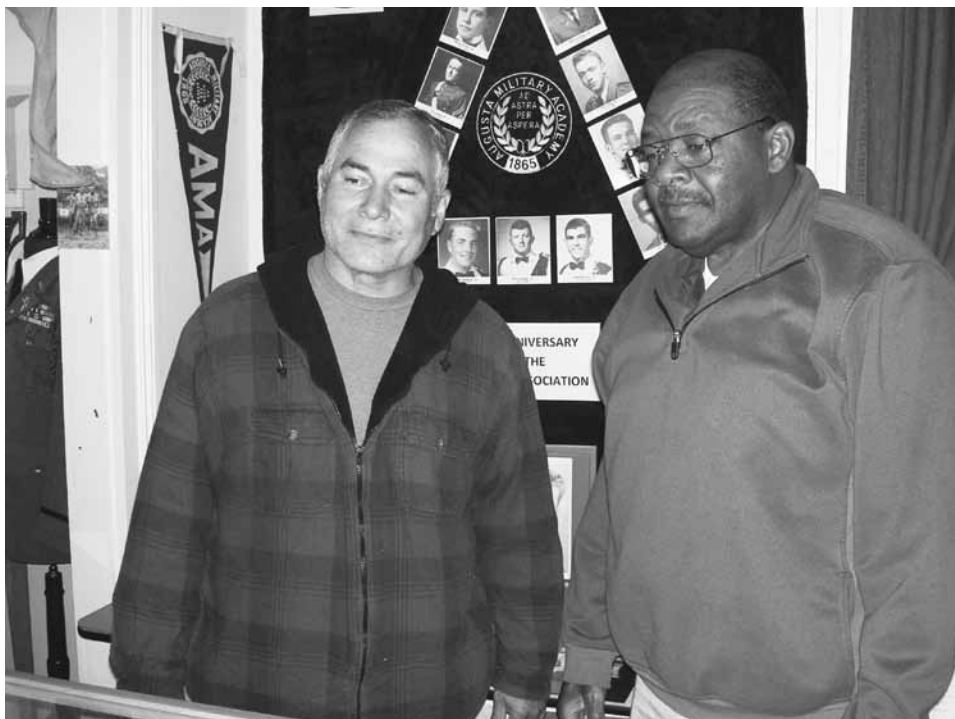
His high school coach **Dave Holtsclaw** had come to coach at Augusta and Doug came with him in the Fall of 1971. That was the second year that African Americans attended AMA and several of them were on the football and basketball teams. Doug played both sports at AMA and Sergeant Josephson was one of his coaches.

Doug got an athletic grant in aid from North Carolina State and played for the Wolfpack the next four years with a trip to a bowl at the end of every season. His coach was Lou Holtz, one of the best football program builders in the history of the sport and Doug played defensive tackle all four years. During that time, his defensive coach was none other than Al Michaels.

Carter's best football memory? *"We were playing Kansas in the Liberty Bowl at the end of the 1973 season. On one play, I sacked the quarterback and on the very next play Jim Henderson intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown. We won the game 31-18."*

Lou Holtz is known for being a motivational speaker and he pushed his players to always play their best. *"He told us to distinguish between pain and real injury,"* says Carter, *"and he expected you to play through the pain. One day at practice, a fight*

erupted and Coach Holtz broke a finger breaking up the fight. We all gave him some grief about whether he had an injury or was just in pain!"



Carter shows a visitor around the AMA Museum.



Doug's class photo, 1972 Recall

*Young people today know **Lou Holtz** as an ESPN commentator and probably know he was a former Notre Dame coach. In fact, his first head coach job was at William and Mary after which he went to NC State, Arkansas, Minnesota, Notre Dame and finally South Carolina with a one year hitch as coach of the New York Jets. Holtz is the only college coach to lead six different programs to post season bowls.*

NC State beat West Virginia 49-13 in the 1972 Peach Bowl, Doug's first trip to a bowl game. In 1974, the Wolfpack and Houston played to a 31-31 tie in the Bluebonnet Bowl in the Houston Astrodome and Doug's senior year, West Virginia got its revenge in the Peach Bowl edging State 13-10.

In 1976, Doug got his BA in history and went to work at his *alma mater* in Staunton where he taught social studies, history and geography for 30 years. He was the assistant coach of the football team 1976-82 before becoming the head coach in 1982. He had a 24-24-2 record in five years as head coach. Before he retired in 2006, he had also coached wrestling, baseball and track and he officiated at football, basketball and at track meets.

Sorry to hear in 1984 that AMA had closed, he seldom drove down Route 11 where the sight of a chain across the entrance road was distressing to see. *"Then, one day when I-81 was backed up, I got over on Route 11 and when I came to AMA I saw that the chain*

was down blocking the road. I turned in and there was a lot of activity at the old house. I didn't go in but I learned that things were happening again on our campus."

In 2005, Doug's AMA quarterback **Warren Fleming, '72**, called to say that he wanted to get those first AMA African American football players back for that year's reunion. Doug and Warren came to the reunion together with **Russell Wells, Bill Evans** and **Sam Hamilton**.

Having taught in Staunton for three decades, Doug knows just about everyone in the city. "I often run into some folks I know and we have a parent-teacher conference there in the grocery store. While I was at Lee, Sergeant Joe's kids came through the school and his daughter later was a teacher at Lee in the room right across the hall from me."



In 2005, these cadets from the Class of 1972 came to Fort Defiance for their first time back for a reunion. L. to r., Doug, Russell Wells, Warren Fleming, Sam Hamilton and William Evans.



Doug also played basketball. Here, with just seconds to play, Coach Jim Hogg gives advice to Jim Gordon, Carl Kellogg, Russell Wells, Carter, Jim Wilson and Sam Hamilton.

Doug often has some quiet time at the museum "when I do a lot of reflecting. If I had it to do over, I would have been a better cadet and taken more advantage of all Augusta had to offer." As a day student, Carter missed out on life in the barracks (though some would say he didn't miss much!).

Doug's biggest disappointment

Says Doug, "I enjoy listening to the stories when alumni come back. My biggest disappointment is that I can't take them on a full tour of the campus. They will tell me that they stayed in some certain room and I know they want to see it again but I can't take them into Big Barracks."

And what does this dedicated volunteer think that AMA needs the most now? "We need the younger guys to step up. I can't tell you how enjoyable it is for me to be at the museum and to meet all these fellows who once went here, but we have to find some way to get the younger alumni to volunteer. I can tell you that they will wonder why they didn't step up a long time ago!"

AMA Alumni Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson, '60**, himself a one year cadet and football player at AMA a dozen years before Doug, says, "Doug has really saved us by volunteering to take Sergeant Joe's place at the museum each week. While each of us only spent a single year as an AMA cadet, we both came away loving our school and wanting to do whatever we can to protect its legacy. Doug is a real gentleman who is proud to show off our museum and we thank him so much for his commitment."



CHRISTMAS WREATHS - Again this year, Greg Pearce, '65, and a small army of volunteers placed Christmas wreaths at the graves of heroes interred at the Arlington National Cemetery. The wreaths are donated by a patriot in Maine each year. Greg found the grave of Master Sergeant Joe Josephson and placed a wreath there to remember that wonderful man whose heart was filled with love for AMA.

Read this if you are 70½ or older

Tax break back for IRA giving

If you are age 70½ or older, the tax bill enacted by Congress in December contains some potentially good news.

Uncle Sam is resurrecting a tax break available to those who make a charitable donation from their individual retirement accounts in 2011. Under the new law, IRA owners 70½ or older can donate any amount up to \$100,000 a year from their account to one or more non profits (such as the AMA Alumni Foundation). Such donations count toward withdrawals which those in this age bracket are required to take each year from an IRA.

This provision was first enacted in 2006, resurrected in 2008 only to lapse again after 2009. A donor will receive no tax deduction for a charitable contribution. However, the taxpayer doesn't have to include the IRA contribution in his or her taxable income.

Consider what would happen if you made a \$10,000 donation to AMA. If you do not itemize deductions, you would get no tax break for the gift. But under the new law, the \$10,000 will not be included in your income for the year. Assuming you are the 25% tax bracket, you would save \$2,500.

If you do itemize, you won't be entitled to a deduction but the \$10,000

IRA withdrawal won't inflate your taxable income, either. By not adding \$10,000 to your income, it may help you keep your adjusted gross income below the thresholds at which you lose some of your deductions and other tax benefits based on income or become subject to higher Medicare premiums and taxes on your Social Security benefits.

To take advantage of the provision, instruct your IRA custodian to issue a check directly to a non-profit (such as the AMA Alumni Foundation). Private foundations, donor-advised funds and charitable gift annuities don't count. The organization receiving the money must acknowledge the gift and its amount in writing.

Those who make donations from their 401(k)s can't take advantage of this provision. (Withdrawals from Roth IRAs already are tax-free)

Some states now do not allow its residents to take deductions for charitable gifts on state income tax forms. Residents of those states would still have to pay state income tax on money received from their IRA.

Talk with your tax advisor before taking any action. If this is a good idea for you, please remember AMA!



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Beat Virginia's #1 team

Tony Randolph, '80, shocked hoops world 29 years ago

It has been called the biggest upset in the history of college basketball. Chaminade 77, number one Virginia 72.

Chaminade – an 800 student school in Honolulu that did not even have a gymnasium – beat the nation's top team led by seven-foot-four center Ralph Sampson who was on his way to his third straight national player of the year award. The game against Chaminade was to be only "a pit stop in paradise" for the UVA team just returning from playing two games in Japan. At 8-0, the Cavs seemed on their way to a return trip to the Final Four.

Chaminade was founded in Honolulu in 1955 by Catholic educators at a site which had served as a military hospital in World War Two. The school, then and now, rents a gym from a local high school.

The plan was to rename the school Honolulu University but the old name stayed because of all the attention the unlikely win received from the public.

Tony Randolph, '80, was originally from Washington, DC but he lost both parents at an early age. He went to live with an aunt in Staunton and attended Robert E. Lee High School. Because he was not doing well in academics, he transferred to AMA in the fall of 1979.

Coach Doug Lucas said that *"Tony was a great athlete and a good kid. He was the best player I ever coached but he didn't spend enough time on his studies and failed an exam just after Christmas which disquali-*

fied him to stay on the team." Lucas convinced Tony to go back to Lee and work on his grades which would give him an opportunity of going to college, perhaps with scholarship assistance.

At AMA, Tony averaged about 30 points a game and took an average of 15 rebounds. After he left the Blue Streak squad, the team didn't win another game the rest of the year. Lucas said that in his opinion, *"Tony outplayed Ralph Sampson and I told people that long before the game that turned basketball upside down."*

On a visit to his brother who was in the Air Force stationed in Honolulu, Tony was approached about attending Chaminade. He accepted the offer from a school whose basketball coach was a part-timer earning \$2,000 for the entire season with an annual budget of less than one hundred dollars!

Before he went to AMA, Tony and Sampson had played high school basketball against each other: Sampson at Harrisonburg High School and Tony at Lee. At six-seven, Tony was a center on paper and a shooting guard on the floor. Playing defense against bigger players left him banged up after every game. In the game against UVA, the Wahos had small forwards taller than Randolph.

"Everyone played bigger than their size," says the 47 year old Randolph who lives in Ewa Beach, Hawaii where he works with troubled youths. *"Everyone's heart was bigger than what you would see on paper."* In the Virginia game, Tony finished with 19 points on nine-of-twelve shooting and held Sampson in check for the entire game. The

Chaminade philosophy was simple: any time Sampson got the ball, he was double covered and harassed into forced passes, bad shots or turnovers. Big Ralph had recently recovered from pneumonia but those who saw the game say he played as well and as hard as ever.

Former Virginia Coach Terry Holland said he figured his team would find a way in the last minutes to win the game. At halftime, the score was 43-43 and Chaminade fans were beginning to think about losing by no more than ten points or so which would be a great moral victory for the little school. But as the clock ticked off the final seconds of the game, the

Silverswords showed no signs of fading.

Pat Tanibe who officiated at the game said it didn't hit him until afterwards what a great event he had seen. *"Here we are a quarter of a century later and we are still talking about it,"* he says.

Chaminade finished the season 32-4 and lost in the NAIA tournament. Virginia lost to North Carolina State one game shy of the Final Four.

Randolph says that the game shaped his life in many ways. He has framed photos of the game in the hallway of his home along with plaques from that season.

"It was life changing for me and my teammates," he says. *"It was a sense of believing in something. A sense of family."* In many ways, Tony believes it was destiny: *"For myself and the other players on our team, it was meant to be. There is no question: it was not a fluke."*



TONY RANDOLPH, playing for lightly regarded Chaminade, scored 19 points against UVA, the nation's number one team, on 23 December 1982.



MONEY RAISER - Former First Captain Mark Femrite, '71, has told the boards that he plans to embark on a person-to-person campaign to raise money for the AMA Alumni Foundation. Mark is a Civil War reenactor, hence the chin whiskers. He lives in Riner, near Blacksburg.



ALOHA TO THE REDSKINS - New Hawaii resident Mac McInnis, '67, and Mary Kay were in Lulu's Sports Bar in Kona watching a Redskins game when he spotted another fellow wearing a Redskins logo. The other fellow happened to be Marine Recon Sergeant (E-5) David Stakes who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. David has never met General Nicholson but said his *"unit got their orders from Larry."* Mac said that is the Pacific behind them in the photo. On a visit with Mac in November, Alumni President Rovirosa named Mac "AMA Alumni Association Ambassador to the Islands of Hawaii." Rumor is that Mac also is trying to organize a Redskin Rally Club out there but he is not finding as many takers as he might have a few years back.

2010 busy year for museum

The AMA Museum had nearly 15 hundred visitors in 2010 and this only counts those who signed the guest book near the front door. Volunteers at the museum think that there were many more who did not sign in.

"When you consider January and February of last year and the horrible weather we had then, this is not a bad total for the year," says Executive Director **Crysta Stephenson**.

The museum had 2,046 volunteer hours in 2010, time spent by volunteers as docents. When we apply for a matching grant from private or government foundations, 2,046 hours totals \$41,431.50 at \$20.25 credit per hour. That would be a third of our present annual budget.

The museum is open six hours a day six days a week (and closed on Federal Holidays), this means that for every hour the museum was open in 2010, volunteers gave nearly seven hours of their time to support the museum, many of those hours when the museum was closed. *"It points out how much we depend on our volunteers and how badly we need more volunteers,"* says Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson, '60**. *"If you live within a two hour drive to Fort Defiance, can't you give us six hours a month? That's not much to ask."*

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Wrestling great**"Sully" Krouse, '37, started with football but ended up a champion wrestler and coach**

Lieutenant W. D. Altman, an assistant football coach at AMA and Augusta's wrestling coach in 1936-37, had a talk with AMA's Commandant **Major Charles S. Roller, Jr.** to see if "The Big Boy" could convince a promising young football player to join the AMA wrestling team.

William E. "Sully" Krouse, '37, had never seen a real wrestling match and told Altman that he knew nothing about the sport. He was at AMA to get ready for college and to play football after having made "All High" at Western High School in Washington, DC.

No one today knows exactly what Major Roller said to the strong young man when they met in the Commandant's Office, but guess what? The next day Sully was on the wrestling team! *"I lost my first match because I didn't know what I was doing,"* he said in later years. *"I told the Washington and Lee freshman who beat me to look out for me the next time we wrestled them. I never lost another match at AMA."*

That first year, Krouse dispatched his Woodberry Forest opponent in 21 seconds and helped trounce Fishburne by a lopsided 40-0. While the team lost to VMI, Sully won his match by a fall and he won again against VPI (Virginia Tech). The last match of the season was with W&L and Krouse made good on his promise by throwing his man easily.

In addition to football and wrestling, Krouse also went out for track and was a member of the Monogram Club. After his second year at Augusta, the University of Maryland football coach encouraged Sully to come to the College Park school.

"Penn State had scholarships back then but Maryland didn't, but my uncle came up with enough money for me to go to Maryland," said Krouse. When he was a kid, Krouse delivered milk from his uncle's farm. His Uncle Snyder was a friend of the Roller Brothers and he not only enabled Sully to go to Maryland, but helped him go to AMA.

Paul McNeil, his UMD roommate and a tremendous wrestler from Pennsylvania, had been recruited to get a good wrestling team going. In a day when basketball games played to nearly empty arenas, wrestling packed them in. By Krouse's senior year, UMD was in the Southern Conference which then had nearly 30 teams from Maryland to Florida. Paul won the conference championship and Sully was tied at the end of his match, went into overtime, tied again and the referees gave the match to Sully's opponent, only the second time he had lost a wrestling match at AMA and Maryland together.

Krouse had vision in only

one eye so when he graduated from Maryland in 1942, the military wouldn't take him. He went to work for Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore and volunteered to help with the Southern High School wrestling team. When a scout from the old Brooklyn Dodgers football team talked him into trying out for the team, Sully quit his job and went to New York only to be sent back home. He became a substitute teacher and went back to Maryland to get a degree in business administration. With the degree in hand, he had a coaching position at Baltimore's Patterson High School, but when Jim Tatum was hired to become Maryland's football coach, he asked Sully to assist him.

Krouse taught students to become coaches in wrestling, football, lacrosse, basketball and swimming. Wrestling was not a varsity sport at UMD until finally in 1949, Sully talked the school into making wrestling an "official" sport at the school. Sully had phenomenal success in recruiting including one boy who went to the Olympics.

In 1953, the Atlantic Coast conference was formed and Krouse's teams went on to win 200 matches, lose 127 and tie eleven. This included 24 ACC crowns and six All Americans before Sully retired in 1978 after 32 years. Sully inaugurated wrestling in a number of high schools and was Tournament Director for the District of Columbia Athletic Union. He was inducted into the Maryland Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987.

If you are wondering how he got the nickname "Sully," there is a long explanation. Living during the Depression, Krouse and his friends had little money but when a carnival came to Harrisonburg featuring "an unbeatable wrassler," Krouse was elected to get into the ring where he could earn five dollars to last ten minutes or twenty dollars if he won. Wanting some beer money, Sully crawled in the ring and was still holding his own when the ten minutes was up. But instead of giving him his prize, several toughs hustled him out of the back of the tent.

The next night, Sully went back with several friends from the football team and again he lasted ten minutes in the ring. Krouse then shouted at the audience, *"I was here and won last night and they wouldn't give me my money."* With a couple of menacing footballers at his side, Krouse got his money and treated the boys to a few beers.

One of the popular comic strips of the day was Barney Google and in the comic strip there was a wrestler named The Sultan.

The guys started calling him "The Sultan" which finally devolved to Sully.

Sully Krouse passed away in 2000.

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Mundin, McCausland are valuable correspondents

Lew Mundin, '53, and **Buddy McCausland, '39**, are two of *The Bayonet's* most faithful and valuable correspondents!

Any time they come across an article in their local papers concerning AMA or an AMA alumnus, they are prompt to get that information off to your editor. Lew scans the Richmond paper daily while Buddy does the same in Lynchburg. Very often they are able to give us the complete obituary of an alumnus or faculty member the very day it appears in the paper. We can't thank them enough!

It would be grand if some alumni in the Roanoke, Tidewater Virginia and Washington, DC areas could also check for any item about Augusta or one of our alumni.

Thanks again, Buddy and Lew!

President Rovirosa asks help of board

At the October meeting of the AMA Alumni Association Board, **President Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, asked board members to take responsibility for key issues, as follows:

Doug Carter, '72 - Museum volunteer

Phil Bentley, '83 - Museum volunteer, Scholarships

Frank Spencer, '49 - Chaplain, museum volunteer

Luke Snyder, '60 - Founder's Day, Reunion

Steve Trent, '70 - Secretary

Bud Oakey, '70 - Treasurer, fund raising, long term planning

Bob Bradford, '50 - *Bayonet*

Blaine Clarke, '72 - Roller Scholarships, reunion

Dave Conrad, '59 - Reunion, Silent Auction

Mark Femrite, '71 - Fund raising

Victor Gomez, '69 - Museum volunteer, volunteer recruiter

Garry Granger, '71 - Reunion, fund raising

Bob Harris, '54 - Reunion

Bill Mariner, '60 - Audit, finance

Chris Meek, '84 - Museum education program, scholarships

Gordon Metz, '68 - Roller Society

Doug Pennock, '72 - Roller Rifles, reunion, museum volunteer



BEACHED - Jorge Rovirosa, '70, and Gordon Metz, '68, visited with John Botcheller, '67, and Nancy at their new home on the Rhode Island coast.



THE BEARD FAMILY - Polly and Ben Beard, '65, visited Fort Defiance in early November. Ben is a much honored Assistant United States Attorney in Pensacola, FL. Above, front, Lane Beard Donley, Polly, Cathy Beard and Lundy Beard. Back row, Ben and Dave Beard.

Clyde Ramsey, '49 - Museum volunteer

Goodloe Saunders, '68 - Museum volunteer

Rick Small, '67 - Roller Riders, reunion

Don Studer - Roller Rifles

Norvell West, '83 - Roller Scholarships, fund raising, long term planning

Rod Willey, '51 - Reunion

Frank Williamson, '60 - Fund raising, museum volunteer

Ben Zinkhan, '60 - Museum volunteer, Chief of Operations

Rovirosa thanked in advance the board members who have agreed to accept these responsibilities to make our alumni association even better.

// HASH MARKS \\\

from Jim Hash, '72



Not having much of a social life, and voluntarily rejecting the inane banalities, propaganda and celebrity worship found on American television (there are exceptions, but not in numbers great enough to justify the monthly bills,

never mind exposing myself to the cerebral mush) I tend to spend much of my time reading books and selective sites on the internet. It's not that I am trying to withdraw from the modern world, it's just that I'm no longer comfortable there. I can't relate.

I find it disturbing and inexplicable to see young men walking down the street with their rear ends hanging out of their pants

while grasping at their crotches to prevent their pants from falling down to their ankles. Or, what would have been beautiful young women who have scarred themselves with gaudy and often downright ugly tattoos (not that, in my mind, there is any other kind). I can't relate. I try to imagine a **Stuart Hall** girl from 1970 with a Rottweiler tattoo etched on her calf or forearm... but I can't, it would have been unthinkable... and my Father disparaged bell bottom pants and long hair! I often believe it's a blessing that he is not around to see things as they are today. It's no wonder to me that my aging Mother finds solace in romance novels and crossword puzzles.

Some of you may recall that I invited an old Army buddy to join me at Augusta's reunion last year. I don't think he was quite prepared for the Saturday activities he witnessed in the gymnasium and around the campus. In particular, the posting of the Colors, the patriotic music, prayer and the honor to fallen comrades, all against the backdrop of a giant American flag. As we stood listening to **Manuel Balbis** recall his Augusta experience, Mark looked at me with a glint in his eye and said, "You know, Jim. I'll bet there are high school reunions all over the country that are just like this." It took considerable control on my part to keep from bursting out with laughter and disrupting Maweeet's speech.

While we have changed as a nation over the years, both for good and all too often, to the detriment of our country, there are islands of tradition that preserve the honor and virtues that allowed our great nation to grow and prosper and become, as President Reagan often said, "The shining city on the hill." Augusta Military Academy was one such island. Sometimes I wonder if **Colonel Livick** and other former administrators and instructors who participate in our annual pilgrimage realize what they have accomplished.

Do they look upon the faces they knew as a bunch of rowdy, pimple-faces of kids and see not the professional success, but the sculpting of something greater, something more meaningful? Do they see the character, honor and the willingness to sacrifice that they instilled in the cadets? Do they recognize that extra something in the alumni that once defined the United States from coast to coast but is now ridiculed and scorned by large segments of the population, even within our own government? I, for one, can only hope and pray that they go to their graves knowing that those qualities will be passed on to our children and our children's children, in perpetuity. I look forward to April when I will see the faces of all of you and revel in our brotherhood for which I feel privileged and thankful.



RAVEN FANS - The AMA guys gathered at Nicky Syropoulos' Baltimore home in October to watch the Ravens beat up on Pittsburgh. Seated, Blaine Clarke, '72. Front row, Steve Traylor, '72, Bruce Orenstein, '69 and Ray Marcantoni, '70. Back row, Bruce Strange, '72, Coach Ralph Sassaman, Bruce Crum, '73, Nicky and Howard Rosenthal, '68.

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